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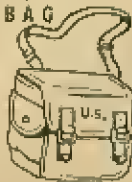
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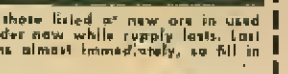
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BANG! BANG!

HE CAN'T! HARRY! LEAVE THAT PLUNGER ALONE! WE'RE SITTING ON THE DYNAMITE, TOO!

HERE'S WHERE I GOT RID OF GRIMSBY AND THE BLACK DIAMOND BOTH AT THE SAME TIME!

GREED! THAT GREAT, GRINNING, GRUESOME DEMON, MORE HORRIBLE THAN ANY BARBARIC GOD, DEMANDING HUMAN SACRIFICE IN EXCHANGE FOR ITS FAVORS! YES, GREED WAS TAD GRIMSBY'S GOD, AND HE SPREAD ITS GOSPEL AMONG THE SILVER-HUNGRY WOLF PACKS THAT ROAMED THE WILDERNESS IN SEARCH OF QUICK RICHES! IT WAS ONLY WHEN GRIMSBY STUMBLED UPON THE STRIKE OF THE CENTURY THAT HE DISCOVERED HE HAD TAUGHT HIS GOSPEL OF GREED TOO WELL!

ALLISTER

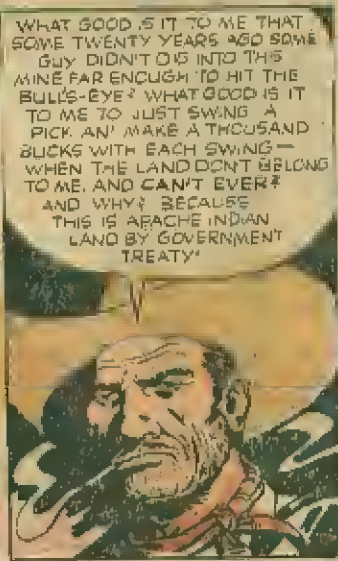
WELL, BUMPER, SOON AS WE HIT BROWNVILLE WE'LL HAVE SOME VITKES! THEN I WANT TO STOP IN AT LAND AGENT MARNEY'S OFFICE FOR A WHILE! WE MIGHT AS WELL STAY IN BROWNVILLE TONIGHT!

ALL I CAN THINK OF NOW IS A BIG, HOT MEAL! LET'S GET GOIN'!

BUT NOT FAR AWAY AT THAT MOMENT IN THE SEMI-BLACK FETID INTERIOR OF A LONG-ABANDONED SILVER MINE IN APACHE TERRITORY...

YOU GOT A GOOD SAMPLE OF THE ORE, HARRY! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

THINK? WHO CAN THINK? I... I NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT, GRIMSBY! IT'S PURE SILVER!





THAT'S EASY! BY STOPPIN' THE MESSENGER CARRYIN' THE TREATY! IF THE TREATY AIN'T RENEWED, THEN WE CAN START DIGGIN' UP APACHE TERRITORY BECAUSE THERE WON'T BE NO LAW THAT SAYS WE CAN'T!

BUT WE'LL HAVE AN INDIAN WAR ON OUR HANDS!



SURE! THE BEST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN! THE APACHES WILL MAKE SO MUCH TROUBLE THEY'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER PIECE OF LAND AGAIN! BE SIDES, AIN'T SILVER LIKE THIS WORTH FIGHTIN' A WAR ABOUT?



WHAT'S GRIMSBY AN' HARRY DON'T SO LONG INSIDE? WHAT'S ALL THE GABBIN' ABOUT? A BLIND MAN CAN SEE THE GROUND'S CRAWLIN' WITH SILVER!

SURE! BUT WE JUST CAN'T DIG THE ORE OUT LIKE THE LAND WAS OURS!

HEY, LOOK! APACHES!



TELL GRIMSBY TO COME OUT! WE GOT RED-SKIN VISITORS!

STAY WHERE YOU ARE, INJUN! WHAT DO YA WANT AROUND HERE?

THAT IS QUESTION WE ASK YOU! THIS LAND IS OURS! THE GREAT WHITE FATHER IN WASHINGTON GAVE IT TO US! WE STAY—YOU GO AWAY!



SAY IT ALL YA LIKE, INJUN! WE AIN'T MOVIN'! WE TOOK A FANCY TO THIS PIECE OF LAND!

THIS IS INJUN LAND! WE SIGN TREATY WITH ARMY! WHEN MESSENGER COME WITH NEW TREATY, WE TELL HIM YOU BAD MEN WHO COME TO STEAL OUR LAND!

NOT SO FAST, CHIEF! YOU SAY MESSENGER FROM GREAT WHITE FATHER IN WASHINGTON—HE COME BRING YOU NEW TREATY? WHEN HE COME?



THIS NOT YOUR BUSINESS! THIS INJUN BUSINESS! COME, WE GO! WE TELL ARMY SOLDIERS—THEY FIX YOU GOOD!

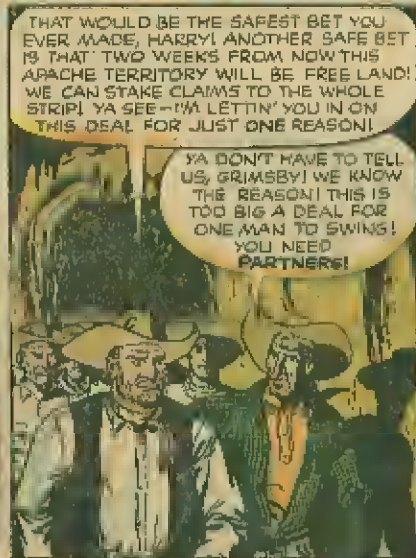
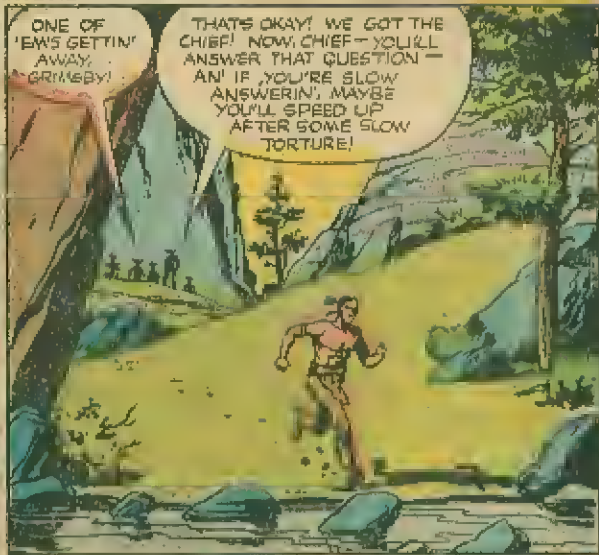
DON'T GO YET, CHIEF! I AIN'T FINISHED! YOU AIN'T ANSWERED MY QUESTION! WHEN'S THE MESSENGER ARRIVIN'? HOW? BY HOSS OR BY STAGE? WHOS WITH HIM? START TALKIN', OR I START SHOOTIN'!



THESE MEN ARE EVIL! THEY PLAN TERRIBLE THINGS! RUN, MY BRAVES, RUN!

AFTER 'EM! DON'T LET 'EM GET AWAY—ESPECIALLY THE CHIEF! HE KNOWS SOMETHIN' I GOTTA KNOW!

HERES ONE WAY THEY WON'T GET FAR! LET 'EM HAVE IT IN THE LEGS!



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THAT NIGHT WITH A RAGING STORM OUTSIDE, LAND AGENT MARKEY ENTERTAINS TWO VISITORS IN HIS OFFICE...



THE STORM'S GETTING WORSE, DIAMOND!

GOOD! THAT INCREASES MY CHANCES OF PUTTING YOU UP! IT ISN'T OFTEN A LONELY LAND AGENT GETS SUCH DISTINGUISHED COMPANY AS THE BLACK DIAMOND!

SOME-BODY'S TAPPING AT THE DOOR, MARKEY! IT'S AN APACHE!

TAP TAP TAP

CLAIMS LADYBASS!

SLOW BEAVER— GREAT SCOTT, MAN—YOU'RE WOUNDED!

BAD MEN COME! SHOOT CHIEF AND FIVE BRAVES! I ALONE... GASP! ESCAPE!

SEE IF YOU CAN ROUND UP A DOCTOR, BUMPER, WHILE I FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!



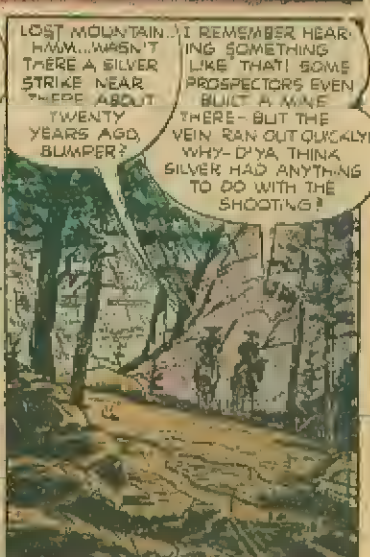
LOOKS LIKE WE CAN'T STAY OVER, MARKEY! AFTER WHAT THIS APACHE TOLD US, BUMPER AND I HAD BETTER WASTE NO TIME GETTING OVER TO LOST MOUNTAIN AND SEEING WHAT HAPPENED THERE!

BUT LOOK AT THE WEATHER! YOU CAN'T SET OUT IN THIS STORM!



I WISH THE APACHE CHIEF AND HIS BRAVES WERE AS SAFE AS WE'LL BE! SO LONG, MARKEY! BE SEEN! YA!

BE CAREFUL! IT'S A DANGEROUS TRAIL ALL THE WAY! THE WHOLE TERRITORY IS FULL OF TREACHEROUS PASSAGES! LOTS OF ROCK SLIDES AND CAVE-INS!

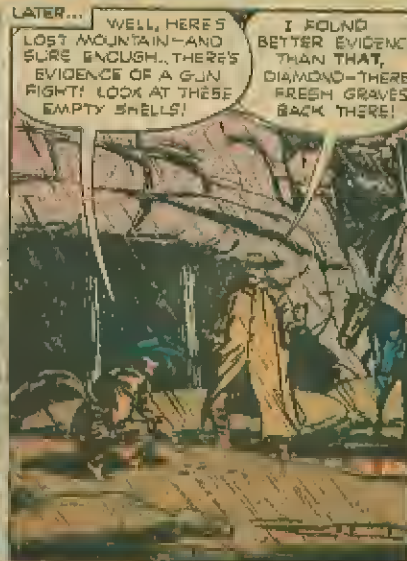


LOST MOUNTAIN... HMM... WASN'T THERE A SILVER STRIKE NEAR THERE ABOUT TWENTY YEARS AGO, BUMPER?

I REMEMBER HEARING SOMETHING LIKE THAT! SOME PROSPECTORS EVEN BUILT A MINE THERE— BUT THE VEIN RAN OUT QUICKLY! WHY-D'YA THINK SILVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SHOOTING?



YES, BUMPER, I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY IT!



LATER...

WELL, HERE'S LOST MOUNTAIN—AND SURE ENOUGH... THERE'S EVIDENCE OF A GUN FIGHT! LOOK AT THESE EMPTY SHELLS!

I FOUND BETTER EVIDENCE THAN THAT, DIAMOND—THERE'S FRESH GRAVES BACK THERE!



FIVE OF THEM! THAT APACHE SLOW BEAVER SAID THERE WERE SIX ALL TOGETHER! I DON'T RELISH THE TASK, BUMPER, BUT WE SHOULD SEE WHO'S BURIED IN THESE GRAVES!

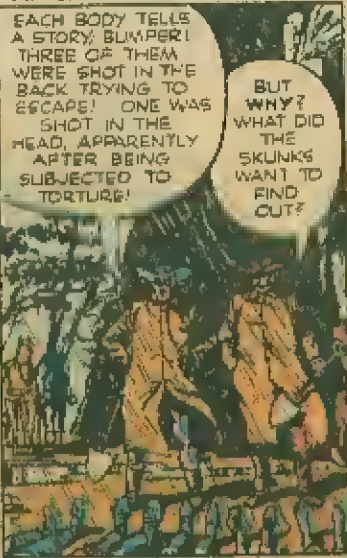
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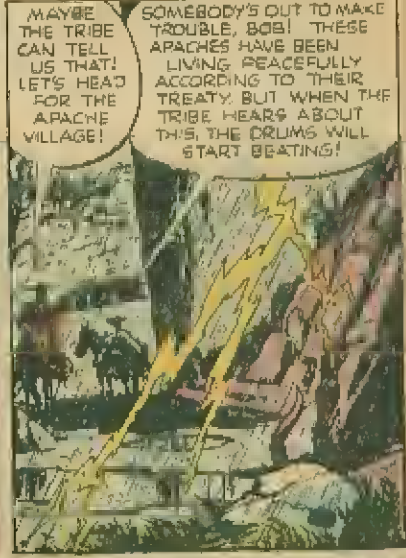
IT'S THE CHIEF!

LET'S BRING HIM UP AND PUT HIM WITH THE OTHERS! I WANT TO EXAMINE HIM!



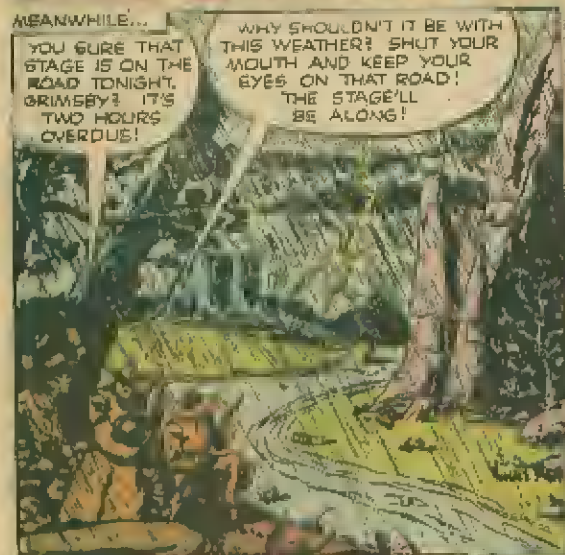
EACH BODY TELLS A STORY! BUMPER! THREE OF THEM WERE SHOT IN THE BACK TRYING TO ESCAPE! ONE WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD, APPARENTLY AFTER BEING SUBJECTED TO TORTURE!

BUT WHY? WHAT DID THE SKUNKS WANT TO FIND OUT?



MAYBE THE TRIBE CAN TELL US THAT! LET'S HEAD FOR THE APACHE VILLAGE!

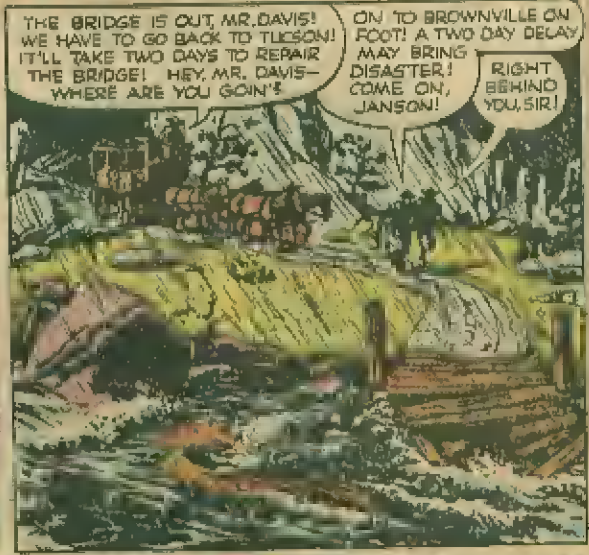
SOMEBODY'S OUT TO MAKE TROUBLE, BOB! THESE APACHES HAVE BEEN LIVING PEACEFULLY ACCORDING TO THEIR TREATY. BUT WHEN THE TRIBE HEARS ABOUT THIS, THE DRUMS WILL START BEATING!



MEANWHILE...

YOU SURE THAT STAGE IS ON THE ROAD TONIGHT, GRIMSBY? IT'S TWO HOURS OVERDUE!

WHY SHOULDN'T IT BE WITH THIS WEATHER? SHUT YOUR MOUTH AND KEEP YOUR EYES ON THAT ROAD! THE STAGE'LL BE ALONG!



THE BRIDGE IS OUT, MR. DAVIS! WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO TUCSON! IT'LL TAKE TWO DAYS TO REPAIR THE BRIDGE! HEY, MR. DAVIS—WHERE ARE YOU GOIN'?

ON TO BROWNVILLE ON FOOT! A TWO DAY DELAY MAY BRING DISASTER! COME ON, JANSON!

RIGHT BEHIND YOU, SIR!



WHAT COULD THEY BE CARRYIN' THAT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT THEY CAN'T KILL TWO DAYS IN TUCSON?

SEARCH ME, SOME GUYS ARE CRAZIER THAN BED BUGS!

IF THE APACHES DON'T GET THEIR TREATY RENEWAL ON TIME, JANSON UNSCRUPULOUS LAND-GRABBERS MAY BLOW UP THEIR TERRITORY AND START AN INJIN WAR!



LOOK! THERE'S TWO GUYS COMING UP THE ROAD, GRIMSBY! ONE OF 'EM'S CARRYIN' A BIG POUCH LIKE A PONY EXPRESS MESSENGER!

MAYBE SOMETHIN' KEPT THE STAGE FROM GOVIN' THROUGH! LET'S GO DOWN AN' HAVE A LOOK!

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HEY, YOU—
WITH THE
MESSENGER
POUCH! WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?

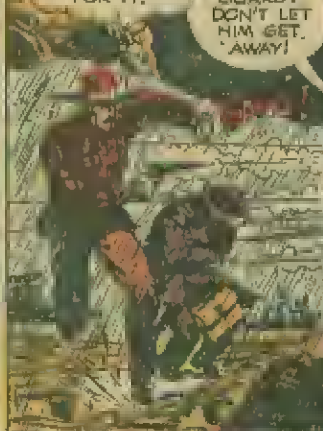
DAVIS!
WHY
DO YOU
ASK?

LOOK
OUT, DAVIS!
THEY'RE
GOING FOR
THEIR
GUNS!

THEY KNEW WHO YOU WERE, DAVIS!
THEY WERE EXPECTING YOU! WHAT
WERE THEY AFTER?

OH, OH, THEY
GOT DAVIS! I'M
MAKING A BREAK
FOR IT!

GET
THE BODY-
GUARD!
DON'T LET
HIM GET
AWAY!



I THINK
WE HIT
HIM,
HARRY!

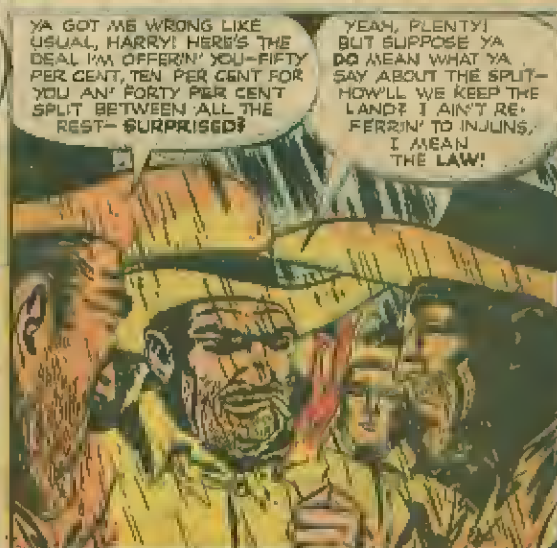
BUT HE'S STILL MOVIN'!
WE'LL NEVER FIND
HIM IN THE WOODS
AND ROCKS IN THIS
STORM! LET'S HOPE
HE DROPS DEAD!

SCASP! I GOT
TO GET TO
BROWNVILLE AND
TELL MARNEY
WHAT
HAPPENED!



WHEN THIS PAPER IS DES-
TROYED, THE APACHES WILL
HAVE NO CLAIM ON THAT
LAND! TOMORROW WE MOVE
IN AN' CLAIM IT! GET EVERY
SILVER PROSPECTOR AN' BRING
'EM AROUND! THEY'LL
ALL SHARE...

WHO ARE YA KIDDIN', GRISBY?
BURNIN' THAT TREATY MEANS
INJUN WAR! YA DON'T WANNA
SHARE! YA WANT SUCKERS
TO FIGHT THE APACHES OFF
FOR YA—TO PROTECT
YOUR PROPERTY!



YA GOT ME WRONG LIKE
USUAL, HARRY! HERE'S THE
DEAL I'M OFFERIN' YOU—FIFTY
PER CENT, TEN PER CENT FOR
YOU AN' FORTY PER CENT
SPLIT BETWEEN ALL THE
REST—SURPRISED?

YEAH, PLENTY!
BUT SUPPOSE YA
DO MEAN WHAT YA
SAY ABOUT THE SPLIT—
HOW'LL WE KEEP THE
LAND? I AIN'T RE-
FERIN' TO INJUNS,
I MEAN
THE LAW!



WHEN THE APACHES TAKE THE
WARRATH, THEY WON'T ONLY
HUNT OUR HEADS! THEY'LL
RAID THE SETTLEMENTS! IN THE
MIX-UP EVERYBODY'LL FORGET
ABOUT THE TREATY AND
CONCENTRATE ON KILLIN'
APACHES!

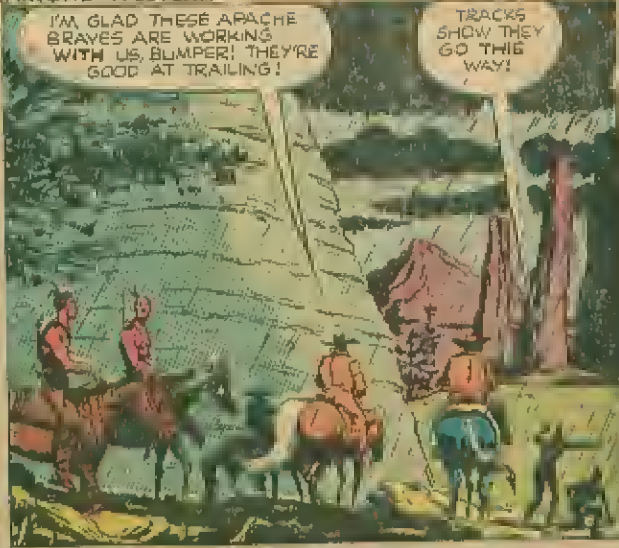
THAT'S IF
THE INJUNS
GET NO GOOD
ADVICE! IF
THEY BEHAVE
THEMSELVES
WE'RE
SUNK!



MEANWHILE, AT LOST MOUNTAIN, BLACK DIAMOND IS TRYING
TO CALM DOWN THE APACHES...

BAD WHITE MAN DO THIS TO
US, BLACK DIAMOND! WE HOLD
COUNCIL OF WAR! APACHES
FIND EVIL DOERS AND
KILL THEM!

YOU ARE ANGRY, MY FRIEND,
AND JUSTLY SO! BUT YOU
MUST NOT TAKE THE WARRATH!
EVIL PALEFACES HAVE ALSO
BROKEN WHITE MAN'S LAW! LET
GOOD WHITE MEN CATCH THEM!
THEN BOTH OF US WILL
BE REVENGED!



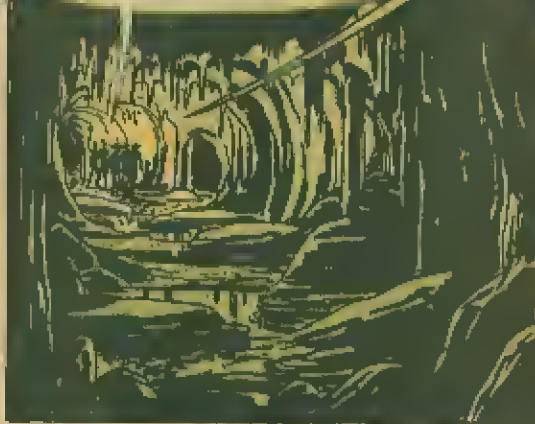
AS DAWN BREAKS OVER THE DRENCHED BASIN COUNTRY...



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MANY THOUSANDS OF MOONS AGO, THIS LAND KNEW MANY EARTHQUAKES—EARTH FULL OF TUNNELS—UNDERGROUND RIVERS—WHEN EARTH MOVES, HOLES OPEN UP! MANY APACHE DIE! OLD MEN OF TRIBE TELL OF BRAVES WHO HAVE SEEN UNDERGROUND RIVERS!

THAT'S WHAT MARKEY SAID LAST NIGHT, TOO!



COUNTLESS MOONS AGO, GREEDY BRAVES DISOBEY MEDICINE MEN! THEY WENT TO DIG IN EARTH FOR SILVER! SUDDENLY, EARTH MOVE—WALLS MOVE...

THE MOUNTAIN FALLS IN UPON US! RUN! RUN! AIEEE!

AHH...



APACHES NEVER FOUND THESE GREEDY BRAVES AGAIN! SOMEWHERE IN MOUNTAIN LIE THEIR BONES, NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN—THEREFORE THE NAME, LOST MOUNTAIN!

OTHER GREEDY MEN WERE BUSY HERE! LOOK AT THOSE! LOOK, BUMPER—THIS IS WHAT THEY WERE AFTER! WALLS OF SOLID SILVER!

MEANWHILE, ON A HIGH APPROACH OVERLOOKING THE LOST MOUNTAIN MINE...

THERE AIN'T NO DOUBT OF IT, GRIMSBY! THERE'S ONLY ONE PALQAINO PONY LIKE THAT IN THE WEST—BLACK DIAMOND'S HORSE, RELIAPON!

I'LL PICK OFF THEM APACHE GUARDS! THEN WE'LL TAKE CARE OF BLACK DIAMOND!

WE BETTER BLOW UP THE ENTRANCE AND SEAL THEM IN! THEY CAN'T HEAR OUR SHOTS FROM INSIDE THE MINE!



WAIT, GRIMSBY! WHAT ABOUT THE SILVER? I'LL TAKE MONTHS OF DIGGING TO GET INSIDE THE MINE AGAIN IF YOU BLOW THE WALLS IN!

WE'LL NEVER GET THE SILVER IF WE DON'T GET RID OF THE BLACK DIAMOND!

QUICK, GRIMSBY! VOICES ARE COMING OFF THE GHAFT!

CHUCK IN A LOAD OF DYNAMITE, HARRY! THAT'LL KEEP 'EM BOTTLED UP TILL I CAN BLOW THE ROOF IN!

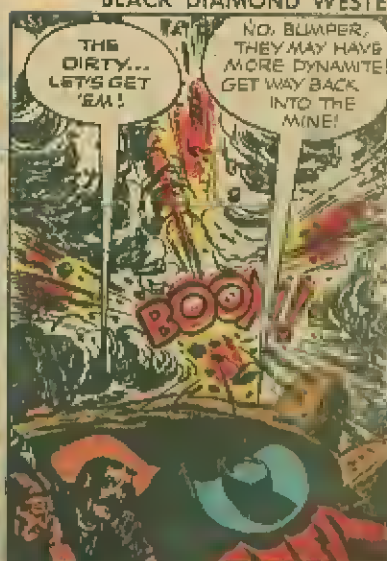
I HOPE YA KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOIN', GRIMSBY! IT DON'T MAKE SENSE TO ME!

HARRY! QUICK—THEY'RE COMIN' CUDGER!





THEY'RE THROWIN' DYNAMITE! GET BACK, QUICK! THE KILLERS ARE OUTSIDE!



THE DIRTY... LET'S GET 'EM!

NO, BUMPER, THEY MAY HAVE MORE DYNAMITE! GET WAY BACK INTO THE MINE!



YOU WERE RIGHT, DIAMOND! THE WHOLE FRONT IS CAVED IN! WE'LL NEVER DIG OUR WAY OUT NOW! WE'RE TRAPPED!

NOT YET, BUMPER! LET'S FIND OUT IF THOSE OLD APACHE LEGENDS ARE TRUE! IF WE CAN FIND THOSE UNDERGROUND RIVERS—WAIT! DO YOU HEAR THAT GURGling SOUND BEHIND THE WALL? IT SOUNDS LIKE WATER!



YA GONNA DO MORE BLASTIN' GRIMSBY? HAVE YOU GONE LOCO? YOU'RE TURNIN' THIS SILVER MINE INTO A PILE OF FALLEN ROCKS!

YOU'RE A FOOL, HARRY! THE WHOLE MOUNTAINS FULL OF SILVER! WE'LL DIG ANOTHER MINE! WE'LL DIG TEN MINES, BUT WE GOTTA BE SURE THE BLACK DIAMOND'S DEAD! LET'S GET SOME OF THE DYNAMITE UP THE MOUNTAIN!



IF THE BLACK DIAMOND AIN'T DEAD ALREADY, THIS BLAST WILL BRING THE WHOLE MINE DOWN ON HIM! HARRY, GET READY WITH THAT PLUNGER!

YA KNOW, CRAZY JIM—GRIMSBY'S GONE BESERK! THIS ISN'T GONNA WORK OUT! I GOT AN IDEA!

I THINK I KNOW WHAT YA MEAN...



...IF THAT DYNAMITE CHARGE SHOULD GO QUICK LIKE...WHILE GRIMSBY WAS STILL SINKIN' THE DYNAMITE...

YOU'RE RIGHT! THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKIN', TOO, HARRY!



MEANWHILE DEEP UNDER LOST MOUNTAIN...

THAT WAS WATER YOU HEARD, DIAMOND! IT'S AN UNDERGROUND RIVER!

WE'LL SWIM IT! MAYBE WE CAN REACH AN EXIT! KEEP YOUR GUNBELT HIGH, BUMPER! KEEP THAT TORCH UP, TOO, SO WE CAN SEE WHERE WE'RE SWIMMING!



THOSE INJUN LEGENDS WERE TRUE, DIAMOND!

WE'D NEVER HAVE PROVED IT IF THE RATS HADN'T EXPLODED THE DYNAMITE AND RIPPED PART OF THE CONCEALING WALL AWAY! BUMPER! LOOK UP AHEAD! I CAN SEE LIGHT!



WE MADE IT!
WE'RE ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF LOST MOUNTAIN!
IT'S A MIRACLE! WHAT
NOW, DIAMOND?

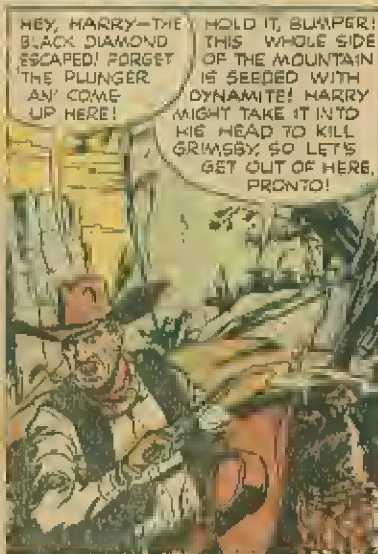
WE'LL CIRCLE BACK
AROUND THE MOUNTAIN-
SIDE AND SURPRISE
THE DEVILS FROM
BEHIND!



LOOK-DIAMOND! IT'S
GRIMSBY, THAT DIRTY
CLAIM JUMPER! DON'T
BOTHR WITH ANY MORE
DYNAMITE, YAO! ALL
YOU'LL DO IS KILL
CHANCES OF DIGGING
OUT SILVER!

G..GRIMSBY!
IT'S THE
BLACK
DIAMOND!

DON'T
STAND THERE,
YA GREASE
TAILS! GUN
HIM!



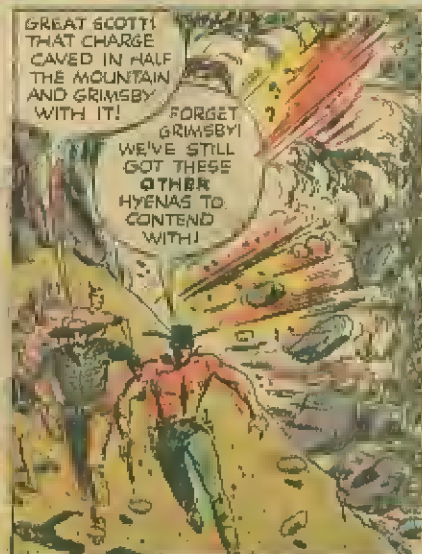
HEY, HARRY-THE
BLACK DIAMOND
ESCAPED! FORGET
THE PLUNGER
AN' COME
UP HERE!

HOLD IT, BUMPER!
THIS WHOLE SIDE
OF THE MOUNTAIN
IS SEEDED WITH
DYNAMITE! HARRY
MIGHT TAKE IT INTO
HIS HEAD TO KILL
GRIMSBY, SO LET'S
GET OUT OF HERE,
PRONTO!



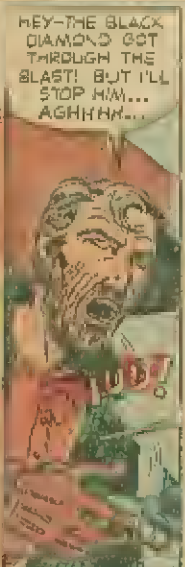
AN INSTANT LATER...

SORRY, GRIMSBY, BUT
HERE'S WHERE I TAKE
CARE OF YOU AND BLACK
DIAMOND! HAVE A
NICE RIDE UPWARDS!



GREAT SCOTT!
THAT CHARGE
CAVED IN HALF
THE MOUNTAIN
AND GRIMSBY
WITH IT!

FORGET
GRIMSBY!
WE'VE STILL
GOT THESE
OTHER
HYENAS TO
CONTEST
WITH!



HEY-THE BLACK
DIAMOND GOT
THROUGH THE
BLAST! BUT I'LL
STOP HIM...
AGHHHH...



D..DON'T SHOOT
ANY MORE!
WE'RE THROWIN'
OUR GUNS
AWAY!

YOU SEE, RED
BRETHREN?
WE KEPT OUR
PROMISE!
THE WARPATH
WAS NOT
NECESSARY!

THE BLACK
DIAMOND
SPEAKS
THE TRUTH!
VENGEANCE
IS OURS, AND
THE KILLER,
GRIMSBY BELONGS
TO THE MOUNTAIN
HE SOUGHT
TO ROB!



BUT THE APACHE BRAVE SPOKE TRUER WORDS THAN
HE KNEW, FOR THE EXPLOSION DROPPED GRIMSBY AND
ANOTHER WHO SURVIVED THE BLAST INTO A MUSTY
CHAMBER FORMED MANY CENTURIES AGO BY THE
SHIFTINGS OF AN ANGRY MOUNTAIN!

G..GRIMSBY-LOOK! SKELETONS-
THEY MUST BE INDIANS-AN'
LOOK AT THOSE DIGGIN' TOOLS!
THE APACHES MUST'VE BEEN
TRAPPED HERE HUNDREDS
OF YEARS AGO-LIKE WE
ARE NOW!

WE'RE TRAPPED
HERE IN A
SILVER TOMB!
SOB! WE'RE
LOST! L..LOST!
WHEN WE
COULD'VE BEEN
MILLIONAIRES!

the END!

QUICK

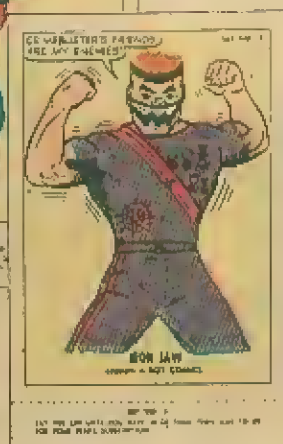
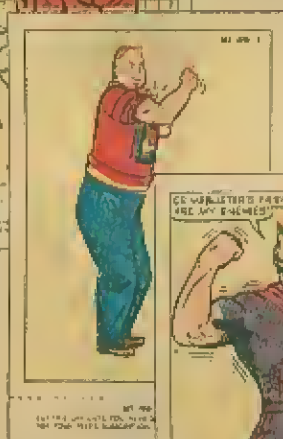
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BLACK DIAMOND AND RELIAPON
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BLACK DIAMOND

Meets the ruthless Riker Brothers
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I CAN'T GET ONTO THE ICE, BLACK DIAMOND! IT KEEPS BREAKING OFF! I'M SINKING!

HANG ON, BUMPER! WE'VE GOTTEN OUT OF WORSE SPOTS THAN THIS!

THIS IS THE END OF THE BLACK DIAMOND!



OUR STORY OPENS IN THE TERRITORY OF MONTANA, IN THE DEAD OF WINTER...

I HATE TO SAY I TOLD YOU SO, BUMPER...BUT I SMELLED THIS BLIZZARD COMING! NOW WE'RE IN FOR IT!

IT'S ALL MY FAULT, DIAMOND! IT WAS MY IDEA TO TAKE THIS MOUNTAIN SHORT CUT! IT SNOWS UP HERE ALL YEAR 'ROUND AND WE KNEW IT!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



HOLD UP, BUMPER—DID YOU HEAR A SHOT?

YEAH, BUT DARNED IF I CAN MAKE OUT WHERE IT CAME FROM! I CAN'T SEE A THING THROUGH THIS BLIZZARD!

BANG!



THERE'S TWO MORE SHOTS! WHO'S IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, ANYWAY—INDIANS?

POSSIBLY! I KNOW THE BLACKFOOT TRIBE IS SOMEWHERE IN THIS REGION!



HEY, BUMPER—I SMELL A CAMP FIRE! LOOK—THERE'S A SETTLEMENT AHEAD!

...AND PROBABLY TROUBLE! THE SHOTS SEEM TO BE COMING FROM THAT DIRECTION!

BANG!
BANG!

MEANWHILE UP AHEAD, AN UNSCRUPULOUS TRADER, BUCK RIKER, IS THREATENING A CHIEF OF THE BLACKFOOT TRIBE...



LISSEN, YA RED HYENAS! THEM SHOTS WAS JUST IN THE AIR AS A WARNIN'! NOW ARE YOU BRINGIN' OUT MORE FURS FOR THE SUPPLIES WE GAVE YA, OR DO WE SHOOT TO KILL?

YOU CHEAT US, RIKER! THE FOOD YOU TRADE US IS ROTTEN! OUR PEOPLE DIE OF IT! OUR CLOTHING IS TORN AND OLD! YOU GIVE US BACK OUR SKINS! WE NO TRADE WITH YOU!



ONE OF RIKER'S MEN LOSES HIS HEAD, AND...

I'M GETTIN' SICK OF ARGUIN' WITH THEM INJUNS! THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND TALKIN'! WHAT THEY UNDERSTAND IS BULLETS! BLAST THE COYOTES AN' THEY'LL COME RUNNIN' WITH THEIR SKINS!

OH—

THEY KILL OUR BROTHER! THEY ARE MURDERERS!

LOCO! YOU HOT-HEADED GREASE-BALL! YOU'VE GOT 'EM CRAZY NOW! THEY'LL NEVER LISTEN TO REASON! LET'S GET MOVIN' QUICK!



RUN FOR GUNS! WE FOLLOW WHITE MURDERERS!

YUH LAME-BRAINED COYOTE! CAN'T YOU GET ANY MORE SPEED OUTTA THEM NAES?

I'M DOIN' MY BEST, RIKER! IT'S LOCO'S FAULT! HE SHOULDN'T HAVE OPENED FIRE ON THEM!



WHATTAYA MEAN, MY FAULT—IT'S BUCK'S FAULT! HE WAS TRYIN' TO SQUEEZE THE LAST SKIN OUTTA THEM WHEN HE KNEW THEY WAS SORE ABOUT THE SUPPLIES WE LEFT 'EM LAST MONTH!

FORGET WHOSE FAULT IT IS! WE'RE ALL IN THE ROT IF WE DON'T GIVE THEM BLACK FEET THE SLIP! THEY'RE PEACE-LOVING BUT IF THEY GET ROUSED UP ABOUT ANYTHING, THEY'RE PLENTY TROUBLE-SOME!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

A MOMENT LATER, BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER ARRIVE...

THERE'S BEEN PLENTY OF TROUBLE, BLACK DIAMOND! LOOK OVER THERE! DEAD! BLACKFEET!

BAD PALEFACE, RIKER, SHOOT MY BROTHERS! THEY JUST LEAVE! WE FOLLOW AND KILL THEM!

WE HEARD SHOTS! WE SEE BODIES! WE SEE WHAT HAS HAPPENED!



LISTEN TO THEM, BLACK DIAMOND! THE RIKER BROTHERS—CHEATERS, INCORPORATED—WERE JUST HERE! THE RIKERS INSISTED ON MORE SKINS! WHEN THE INDIANS REFUSED BECAUSE THE SUPPLIES WERE ROTTEN, THE SKUNKS OPENED UP ON 'EM WITHOUT WARNING!

TYPICAL RIKER STUNT! BUT YOU MUST LET THE LAW HANDLE THIS!

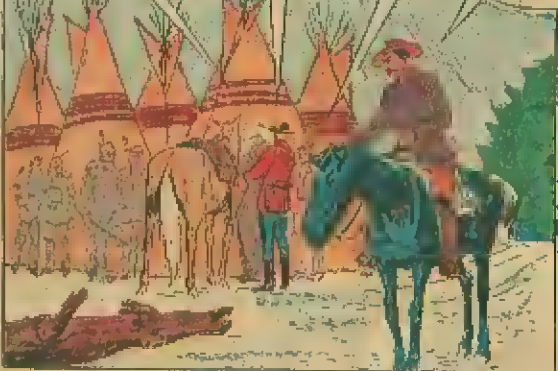


YOU SAY THE LAW! WHAT IS THE LAW? WHO IS IT?

I AM THE LAW, BROTHER! HERE IS MY BADGE! PALEFACE JUSTICE IS SWIFT AND SURE!

VERY WELL! YOU SHOW US! WE WAIT IN VILLAGE!

THIS MUST BE THEIR WAGON TRACKS, DIAMOND! LET'S GET STARTED!



TEN MINUTES LATER...

THEY'VE ABANDONED THEIR WAGONS! I GUESS IT WAS SLOWING THEM UP!

THERE'S A FRESH TRAIL LEADING INTO THE HILLS! THEY COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR! LET'S GO!



MEANWHILE...

WE'RE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, JIGGER!

YES, BUCK—I KNOW THESE MOUNTAINS LIKE THE PALM OF MY HAND! LET'S CIRCLE AROUND COPPER CITY! LET'S JUST KEEP MOVING SO THOSE INJUNS WON'T CATCH UP WITH US!



LOOK, BUMPER!



IT'S ONE OF THE RIKERS! HE MUST HAVE FALLEN FROM THE LODGE!

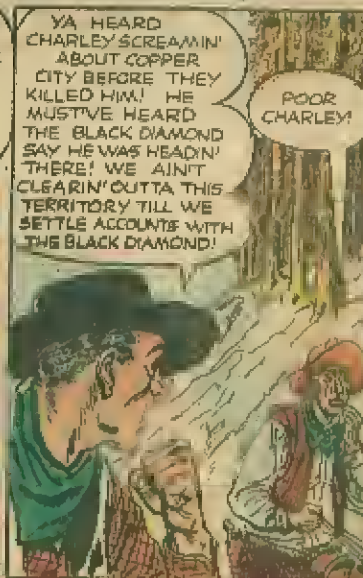
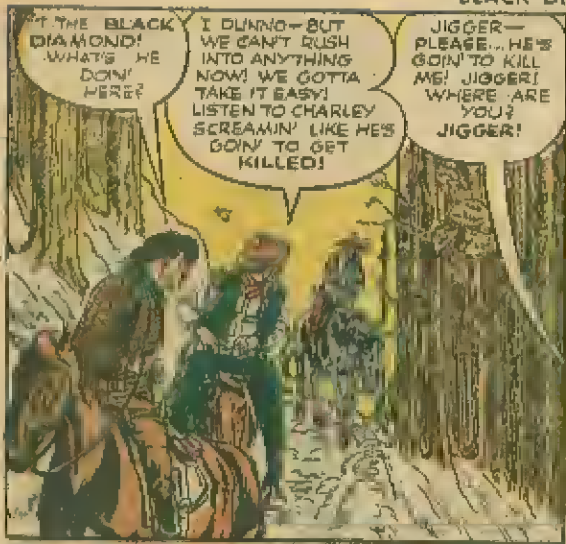
THE HORSE WAS TWO RUSTED LEGS! HE'S IN AGONY, DIAMOND! I'D BETTER PUT HIM OUT OF HIS MISERY!

THIS BUZZARD HAS A BROKEN WING, TOO! BUT WE'LL SAVE HIM FOR THE HANGMAN IN COPPER CITY!

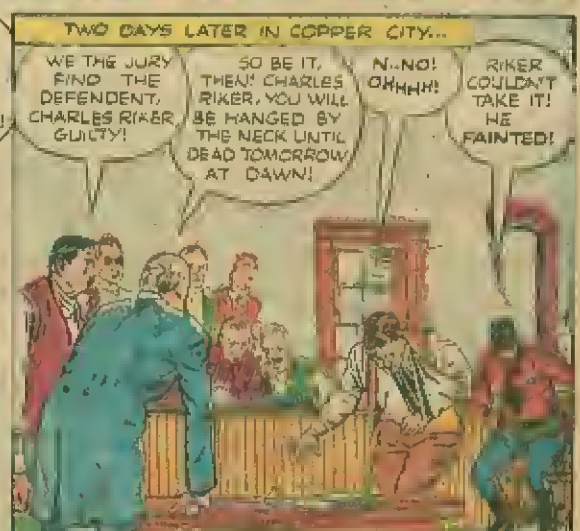
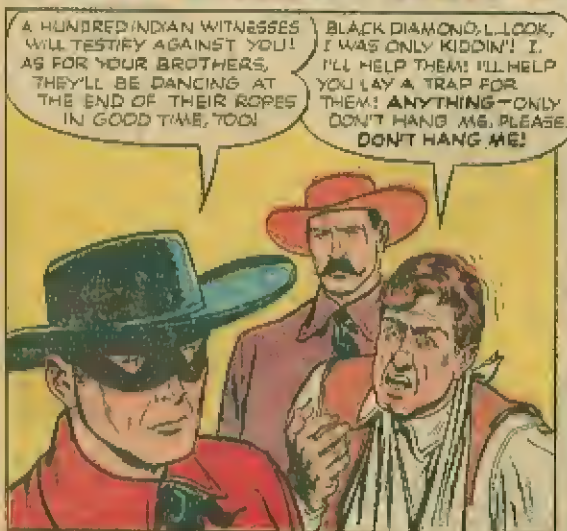
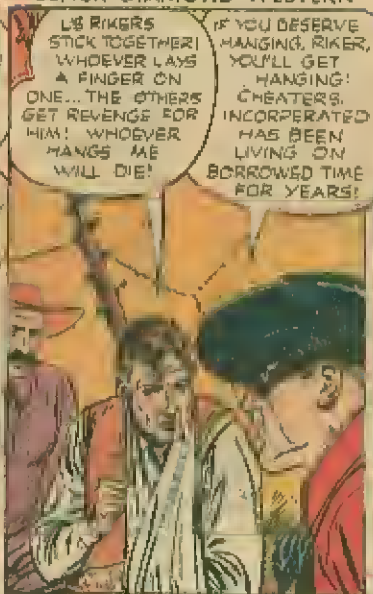
N...NO! DON'T KILL ME! HEY! BUCK! JIGGER! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! HE'S GONNA KILL ME!



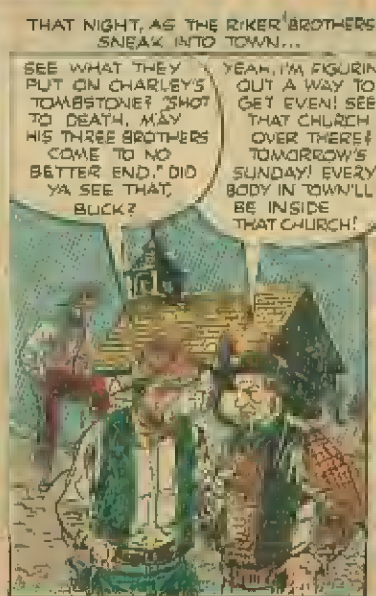
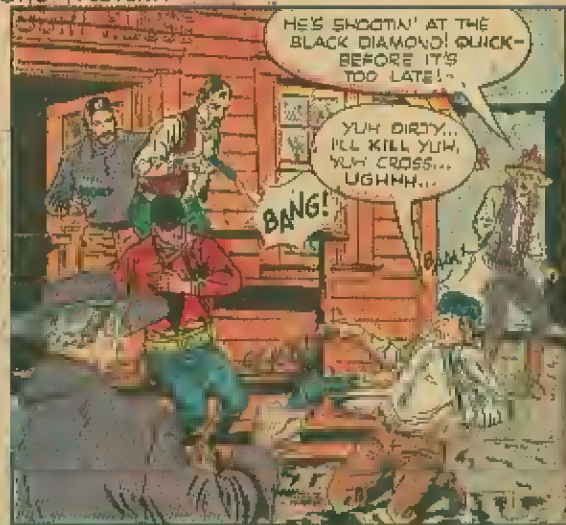
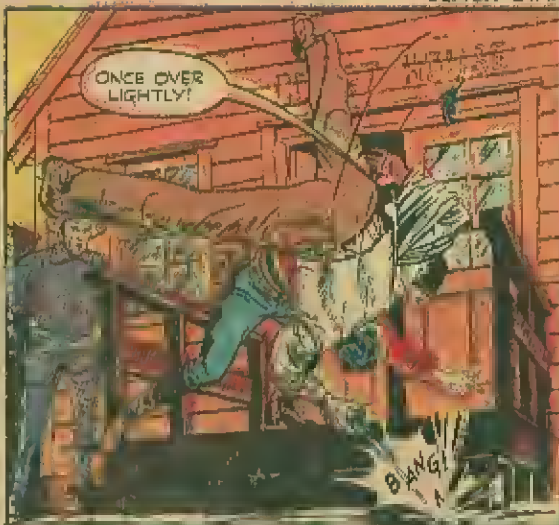
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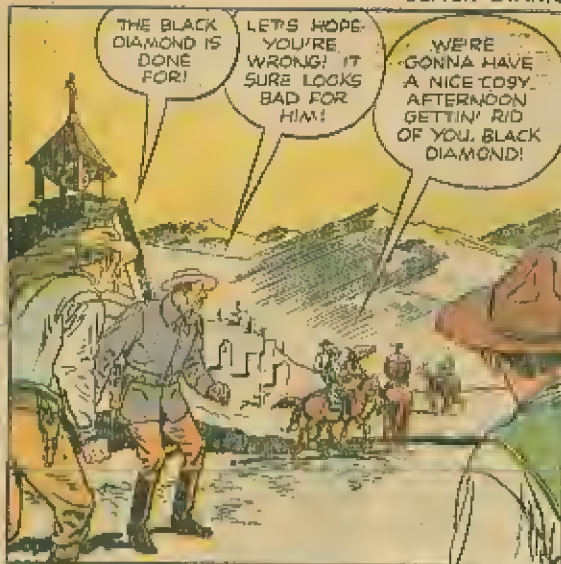
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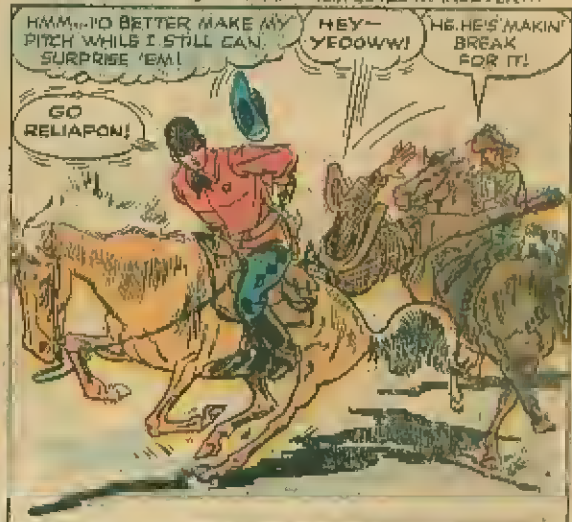


THE BLACK DIAMOND IS DONE FOR!

LET'S HOPE YOU'RE WRONG! IT SURE LOOKS BAD FOR HIM!

WE'RE GONNA HAVE A NICE COSY AFTERNOON GETTIN' RID OF YOU, BLACK DIAMOND!

AFTER RIDING A COUPLE OF YARDS, BLACK DIAMOND DECIDES TO RISK EVERYTHING WITH AN UNEXPECTED MANEUVER...

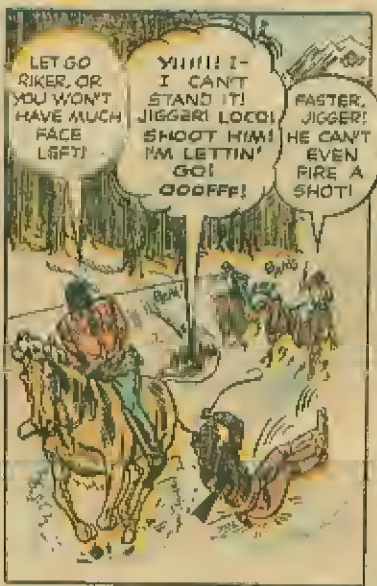


GO RELIAPON!

HMM...TO BETTER MAKE MY PITCH WHILE I STILL CAN. SURPRISE 'EM!

HEY- YECOWW!

HE HE'S MAKIN' BREAK FOR IT!



LET GO RIKER, OR YOU WON'T HAVE MUCH FACE LEFT!

YIH!!! I-I CAN'T STAND IT! JIGGER! LOCO! SHOOT HIM! I'M LETTIN' GO! GOOFF!

FASTER, JIGGER! HE CAN'T EVEN FIRE A SHOT!



WE CAN'T FIRE BACK, RELIAPON. BUT MAYBE WE CAN OUTRUN 'EM!

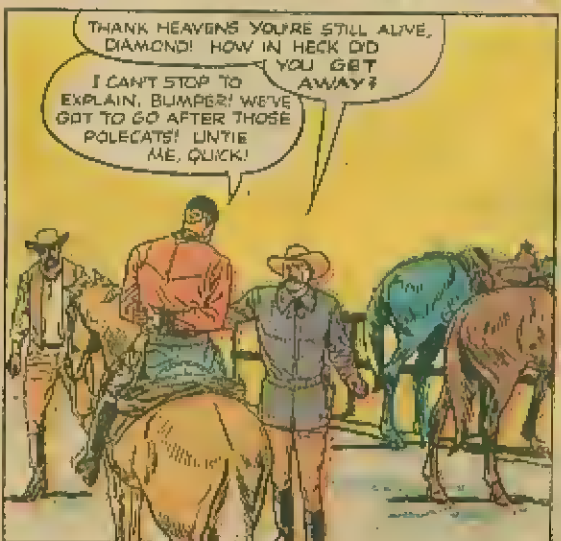
HOLD UP! WE DON'T HAVE TO CATCH HIM! HE'S TRYIN' TO JUMP COYOTE CHASM! HE'LL NEVER MAKE IT!



YOU CAN DO IT, RELIAPON! YOU'RE THE ONLY HORSE IN THE WEST WHO CAN! THAT'S IT! WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT!

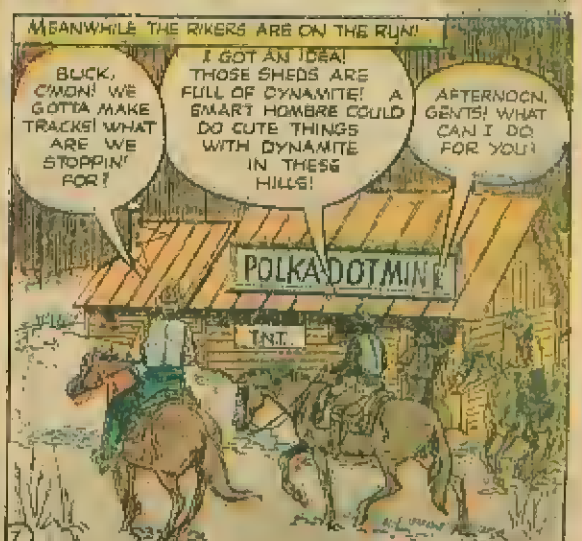
HE... HE MADE IT! I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

SEEM' IS BEUEVIN' AINT IT? WE SHOULD'VE KILLED HIM ON THE SPOT! C'MON LET'S GET JIGGER AN' VAMOOSE!



THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE STILL ALIVE, DIAMOND! HOW IN HECK DID YOU GET AWAY?

I CAN'T STOP TO EXPLAIN, BUMPER! WE'VE GOT TO GO AFTER THOSE POLECATS! UNTIE ME, QUICK!



MEANWHILE THE RIKERS ARE ON THE RUN!

BUCK, C'MON! WE GOTTA MAKE TRACKS! WHAT ARE WE STOPPIN' FOR?

I GOT AN IDEA! THOSE SHEDS ARE FULL OF DYNAMITE! A SMART HOMBRE COULD DO CUTE THINGS WITH DYNAMITE IN THESE HILLS!

AFTERNOON, GENTS! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

POLKA DOT MINE

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BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

JIGGER RIKER SHOOTS THE UN-SUSPECTING WATCHMAN BEFORE HE CAN MAKE A MOVE!

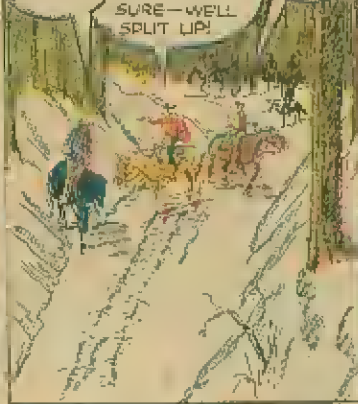
GOOD WORK, JIGGER! OPEN THAT SHED AND TAKE AS MUCH DYNAMITE AS YOU CAN CARRY! THEN WE'LL TRAP THE BLACK DIAMOND AND BLOW HIM TO KINGDOM COME!



THERE'S THEIR TRAILS! CLEAR AS A MOUNTAIN LAKE!

IT MIGHT BE A TRICK, BUMPER! THEY MIGHTVE SPLIT UP AND SENT THEIR HORSES AHEAD! LET'S MAKE SURE—WE'LL SPLIT UP!

OKAY, BOB! I'LL TAKE MY MEN EAST! AN' GOOD LUCK!



YOU WERE SMART TO THINK OF THIS TRAP, BUCK! THE BLACK DIAMOND IS A TRAILIN' FOOL!

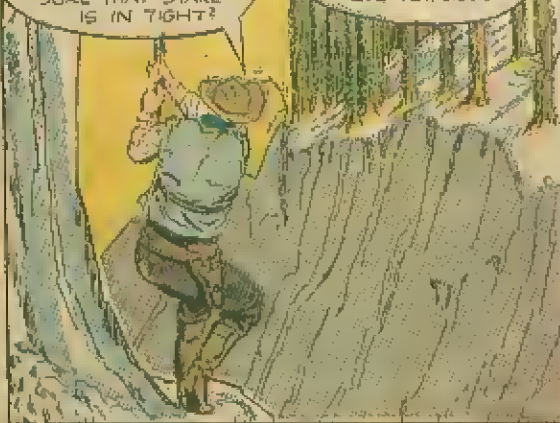
JIGGER, YOU GOT THE SUREST FEET! YOU GET DOWN THERE AN' WAIT ON THE LEDGE! SIGNAL US WHEN YOU SEE 'EM COMIN'!

OKAY, BUCK! HERE I GO! BE CAREFUL WITH THAT ROPE!



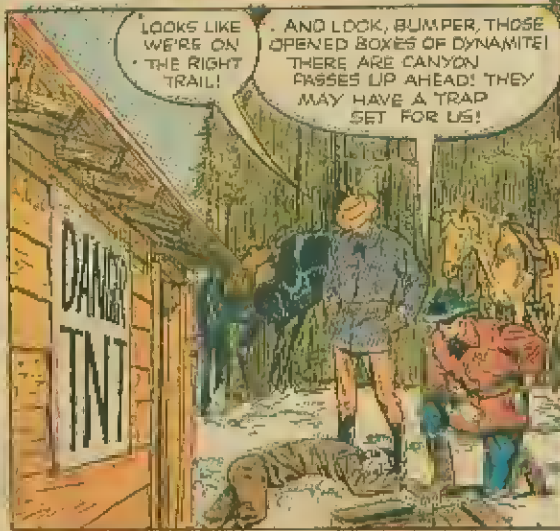
WHEN I SEE 'EM COMIN', I'LL FIRE A SHOT! THEN YOU LET GO WITH THE PLUNGER! LOCO—YA SURE THAT STAKE IS IN TIGHT?

POSITIVE! WE'LL HAVE YOU UP THE SECOND WE START THE AVALANCHE! KEEP A SHARP EYE OUT, JIGGER!



LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRAIL!

AND LOOK, BUMPER, THOSE OPENED BOXES OF DYNAMITE! THERE ARE CANYON PASSES UP AHEAD! THEY MAY HAVE A TRAP SET FOR US!



IT'S BETTER TO RISK THESE DONKEYS' LIVES THAN OUR OWN, BUMPER! SEE IF THERE'S ANY EXTRA CLOTHING IN THE OLD MAN'S SHACK... AND SOME RAGS TO STUFF 'EM WITH!

I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, DIAMOND!



WAIT! I GET IT NOW! IF THERE'S A TRAP AHEAD, THESE MULES WILL BE A DECOY!

THAT'S RIGHT, BUMPER! BY THE WAY, SOME DYNAMITE IN OUR HANDS WON'T DO US ANY HARM, EITHER!



MEANWHILE, JIGGER STANDS GUARD ON THE NARROW LEDGE...

I SEE 'EM NOW! BLACK DIAMOND AN' THAT MUSTACHED FAL OF HIS!

LOCO! PUSH THE PLUNGER! HERE THEY COME!



I HEAR YUH, JIGGER! GOOD BY, BLACK DIAMOND!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



YIPPEEE! WE GOT 'EM! THEY'LL NEVER GET OUT.. HEY- THE LEDGE IS BREAKIN' OFF! LOCO! HOLD ME UP! DON'T LET ME FALL!

BOOM!



I CAN'T HOLD THE STAKE! I...

IT'S NO USE! HE'S GONE, LOCO! JIGGER'S DONE FOR!

H..HELP! THE R..ROPE! I'M FALLIN'!... EAAHHH!



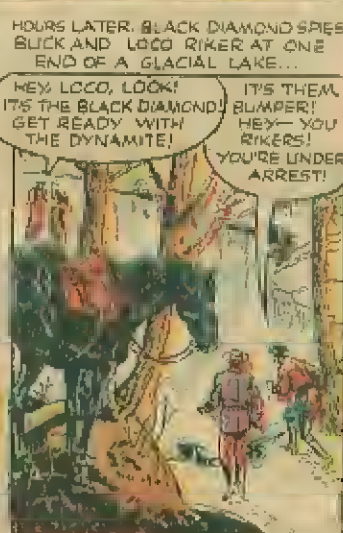
BUCK, LOOK DOWN THERE! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! HE'S ALIVE! THEN WE DIDN'T CATCH HIM IN THE SNOW SLIDE!

THAT DOESN'T MATTER! THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT BLACK DIAMOND'S STILL ALIVE! IT'S A GOOD THING WE STILL GOT SOME DYNAMITE! IT'S SMARTER TO USE THAT! IF WE FIRE ON HIM WE MIGHT MISS AN' THEN HE MIGHT HIT US!



YOU SURE GUESSED RIGHT ABOUT THEIR PREPARING A SNOW TRAP, BOB! IT LOOKS LIKE THE WRONG MAN GOT TRAPPED! HE'S ONE OF THE RIKERS!

BUT THERE'S STILL TWO RIKERS LEFT! C'MON! DIGGING RIKER OUT WON'T HELP HIM A BIT! WE'VE GOT TO GET AFTER THE OTHER TWO COYOTES!



HOURS LATER, BLACK DIAMOND SPES BUCK AND LOCO RIKER AT ONE END OF A GLACIAL LAKE...

HEY, LOCO, LOOK! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! GET READY WITH THE DYNAMITE!

IT'S THEM BUMPER! HEY- YOU RIKERS! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!



WATCH IT, DIAMOND! THEY'RE DYNAMITING THE ICE!

BOOM!



I CAN'T GRAB HOLD OF THE ICE! IT KEEPS BREAKING OFF!

WATCH OUT, BUMPER! THEY'RE MOVING IN TO GET A GOOD SHOT AT US!

NOW WE CAN CLOSE IN ON 'EM, AN' PICK 'EM OFF WITH OUR GUNS LIKE SITTING DUCKS! THEY CAN'T FIRE BACK! THEIR GUNS MUST BE SOAKED!

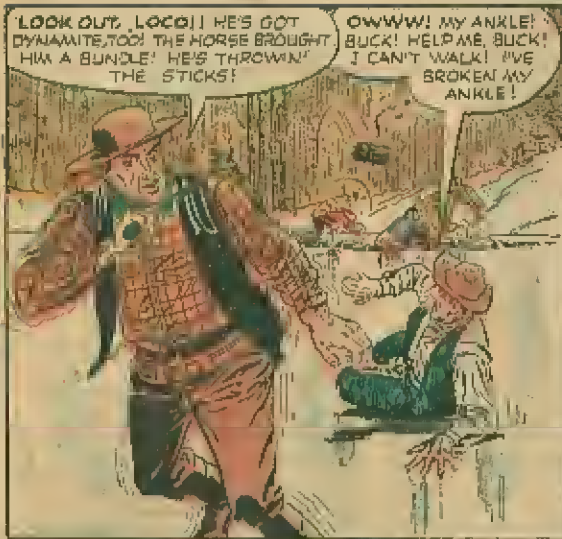
COME ON, RELIAPON!



RELIAPON RUSHES AT BLACK DIAMOND'S CALL, TO HIS MASTER AS THE RIKER BROTHERS FIRE AWAY...

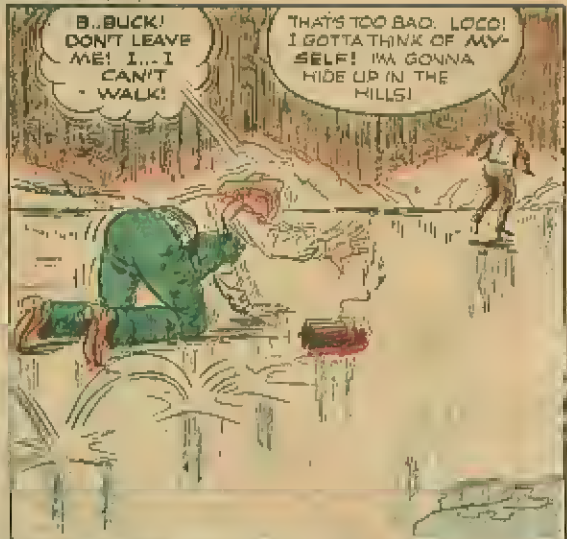
THIS DYNAMITE STUFF WORKS TWO WAYS! THE RIKERS HAVE USED UP THEIRS! NOW IT'S OUR TURN! GOOD BOY, RELIAPON! YOU KEPT THE STICKS DRY!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



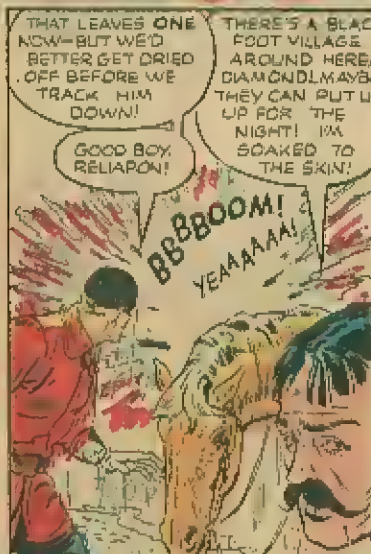
LOOK OUT, LOCO! HE'S GOT DYNAMITE, TOO! THE HORSE BROUGHT HIM A BUNDLE! HE'S THROWIN' THE STICKS!

OWWWW! MY ANKLE! BUCK! HELP ME, BUCK! I CAN'T WALK! I'VE BROKEN MY ANKLE!



B..BUCK! DON'T LEAVE ME! I..I CAN'T WALK!

THAT'S TOO BAD, LOCO! I GOTTA THINK OF MYSELF! I'M GONNA HIDE UP IN THE HILLS!



THAT LEAVES ONE NOW—BUT WE'D BETTER GET DRIED OFF BEFORE WE TRACK HIM DOWN!

GOOD BOY, RELIAPON!

THERE'S A BLACK-FOOT VILLAGE AROUND HERE, DIAMOND! MAYBE THEY CAN PUT US UP FOR THE NIGHT! I'M SOAKED TO THE SKIN!

BBBBOOM!
YEAHHHH!



LATER THAT NIGHT AT THE BLACK-FOOT VILLAGE...

I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD WAIT TILL MORNING TO GO AFTER BUCK RIKER, AND YOU'RE SHAKING LIKE A LEAF! I'LL GO ALONE... YOU GET SOME REST AND JOIN ME IN THE MORNING!



MEANWHILE, IN THE NEARBY HILLS, BUCK RIKER GETS CAUGHT IN A WOLF TRAP...

Yelp!!

SNAPP!

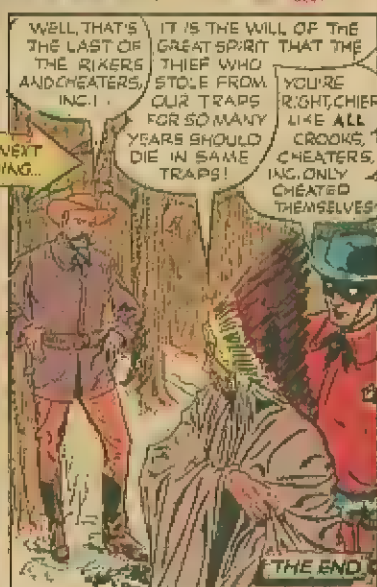


I'M CAUGHT IN THIS BLASTED TRAP! HELP! HELP! EVEN THE GALLOWS IS BETTER THAN DYING LIKE THIS!

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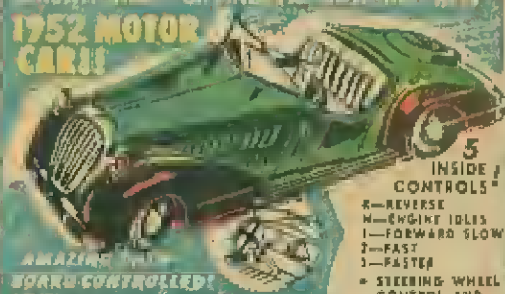


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From what he'd heard Hugh say about Grizzly Ike, one of the drivers of the stage, Rick could hardly wait to spend days crossing the country with the man. Ike's reputation had spread from the Mississippi to the coast. No desperado dared cross Ike's path, for any who had never returned to tell about it. Ike had a fabulous store of western lore and kept his passengers spellbound across the mountains and across the plains. Rick had, therefore, timed his departure with the time he thought Ike would be driving the stage on a return trip to the west.

As Rick neared the post office he saw the stage waiting to set out on the long trek. He sauntered in to line up his trip. The minute he stated his intentions, a man standing near him whirled around and said, "Going west? There are no passengers booked for this trip."

Rick turned to face a dark, slender man whose black eyes looked right through him. "Well, partner," Rick drawled in what he thought was western lingo, "I don't think it's necessary to book in advance and what's more, what's it to you?"

"I'm merely driving," the stranger answered, "and we have a pretty full load. Don't reckon there's any more room."

Rick ignored the answer and turned to the clerk who booked seats on the stage. "Can I believe this man?" he asked indignantly. "Can't I go on this trip?"

"Well," answered the clerk, seemingly hesitating, then continuing in an undertone, "I don't think you're wise to go. Ike was s'posed to . . . well, er, ah . . ." The dark stranger having started to walk toward them made the clerk change the subject abruptly. "You'll have to ride up front. It's pretty uncomfortable, hot, dirty and there aren't any other passengers. It's a large shipment," he added as an afterthought as if that final statement explained everything else.

Rick, undaunted, dug into his pocket, pulled out the fare and said, "Well, driver, my friend here says it's okay for me to go if I ride up front with you. How does that suit you, pal?"

"It's your funeral, bud, and I don't want to hear any complaints," answered the surly driver.

Rick, having sold his farm, packed his goods and made up his mind, was not going to let anything deter him. He was disappointed not to be in company with the fabulous Grizzly Ike, but why delay his getting west?

Rick climbed up to the seat with the driver and, with a flick of the whip, they raced out of town. Rick thought the driver sullen and uncommunicative and several times tried to draw him into conversation to no avail. Finally he said, "Where's Ike? I expected him to be driving?"

(Turn page for continuation of story.)

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"Ike?" answered the driver, "Who's Ike?"

Rick was surprised at that reply and continued, "Grizzly Ike, the driver. Everyone knows Ike."

"Oh, yeah, oh, er, he's a . . . he's not well. He's laid up in Silver City. Gettin' old," muttered the driver.

"No kidding?" answered Rick in sympathy. "Funny no one has heard about that. Everyone knows Ike, I sure am sorry."

Days passed, the sun beat down, the dust covered the stage. Rick had little conversation with the stranger, as every time he opened his mouth he was rebuffed. Even when they stopped at settlements to change horses, Rick had difficulty striking up friendly conversations. He felt he was being treated suspiciously and the conversations were very brief. Suspicious as Rick could get, however, each time they stopped to drop off mail or pick up goods, the driver pulled out his credentials and everything went aboard in good and short order. Never did they pick up more passengers.

After they left the plains the long climb started. Steadily upward they went, with constant winding, constant looking around the next curve and around the one behind. One day, as Rick felt sure they were approaching Silver City, he was suddenly startled by a "zing" in the air.

"Duck," cried the driver, "and let's get going!" The stage swung and lurched around each curve in the trail. Then, suddenly, they heard the sound of horses pursuing them. Again the "zing" of a bullet whizzed by from the rear. As they raced around the next curve, the horses lurched to a sudden stop. Two men on horseback, rifles pointed at the stage, blocked the middle of the trail. Rick reached for his gun and was waiting word from the driver to fire. As Rick turned to the driver for the signal he was stunned to notice that the driver hadn't even reached for his gun and seemed to be willing to give up without a struggle. Rick's smoldering suspicions culminated. He drew his gun, fired at the men in the road ahead. Their horses were excited by the shots and the men lost control for an instant. At that moment Rick turned to the driver again just in time to catch him aiming the butt of his gun at Rick's skull. Rick swung a quick left and knocked the surprised driver out of the stage. Working on impulse, he fired at the two men ahead. One man dropped from his horse, the other horse shied, throwing the rider. Rick picked up the reins and urged the horses down the trail.

The driver suddenly came up out of the dust, pulled his rifle and fired at the disappearing stage. The men in pursuit from the rear followed the driver's example. Rick, realizing that the horses knew more about the trail than he, gave them free rein and concentrated on knocking out his pursuers. Successfully, he saw one fall in the dust, then he pulled a bead on the other. Just at that moment he rounded another curve in the trail and his pursuers were lost for a while. He heard another shot, then another, and as he was waiting, half driving the

horses and half watching to the rear to fire again, he was surprised to hear several shots far in the distance. "They couldn't be firing at me," he thought in a split second, "and what's more I'd better concentrate on getting this stage through, instead of popping off the desperadoes."

Much to Rick's surprise the pursuers never followed him around the curve. He drove the horses into Silver City and they pantingly arrived without another shot from the rear. As he pulled up to the trading post, he jumped off the stage and ran in calling for help. As he raced through the door he ran into the hulking figure of a man who had been watching the approach of the racing stage.

"Hugh!" gasped Rick.

"Rick!" Hugh cried, "What are you doing here?"

"Here? I told you I was coming," Rick breathlessly answered.

Hugh doubled over in laughter, "You mean you were on that stage?"

After moments of confusion, Rick had a chance to calm down and listen to what Hugh had to say. "That stage was a trap! Everyone along the line knew it. If you hadn't been so dead set on coming west you never would have got on it. There's nothing of value on it, it's loaded with sandbags! You're a hero, yes, for saving what you thought was valuable—but, come on in, I'll explain."

Over a large cup of coffee the baffled Rick listened to Hugh's explanation, "Ike was shot at on his run into Silver City from the west. His credentials were stolen. There've been robberies and attempted robberies for a long time on this run. This last time when Ike got it he figured it would be a good time to trap the tough guys. So, the word was spread to the government and to everyone along the line to let this forger get through with what he thought was a valuable shipment. Then, Ike figured, when he came to this mountainous area where there have been many holdups, he would just turn over his stage to his pals. Ike had it figured out to a letter, except no one thought you, the fair-haired hero, would be aboard. The guys who held you up were the real McCoy but I'm sure they never fired a shot directly at you or the driver. They thought you were a buddy and the great surprise to them was that you fought back! You see, Ike and his henchmen were planted here and there to catch them in the act, and when Ike's men shot at the robbers, you thought the robbers were firing at you! Savvy?"

Rick gasped and at that moment the sound of horses roused them to their feet. As Rick looked out the door, a strange procession entered town. Grizzly Ike was leading five horses with their contrite riders, bound, gagged and stripped of weapons toward the city jail. Slung over the rear of Ike's horse, resembling a sandbag, was Rick's companion, the stage "coach driver."

"Well," sighed Rick, "I guess you have to get initiated to the west the hard way!"

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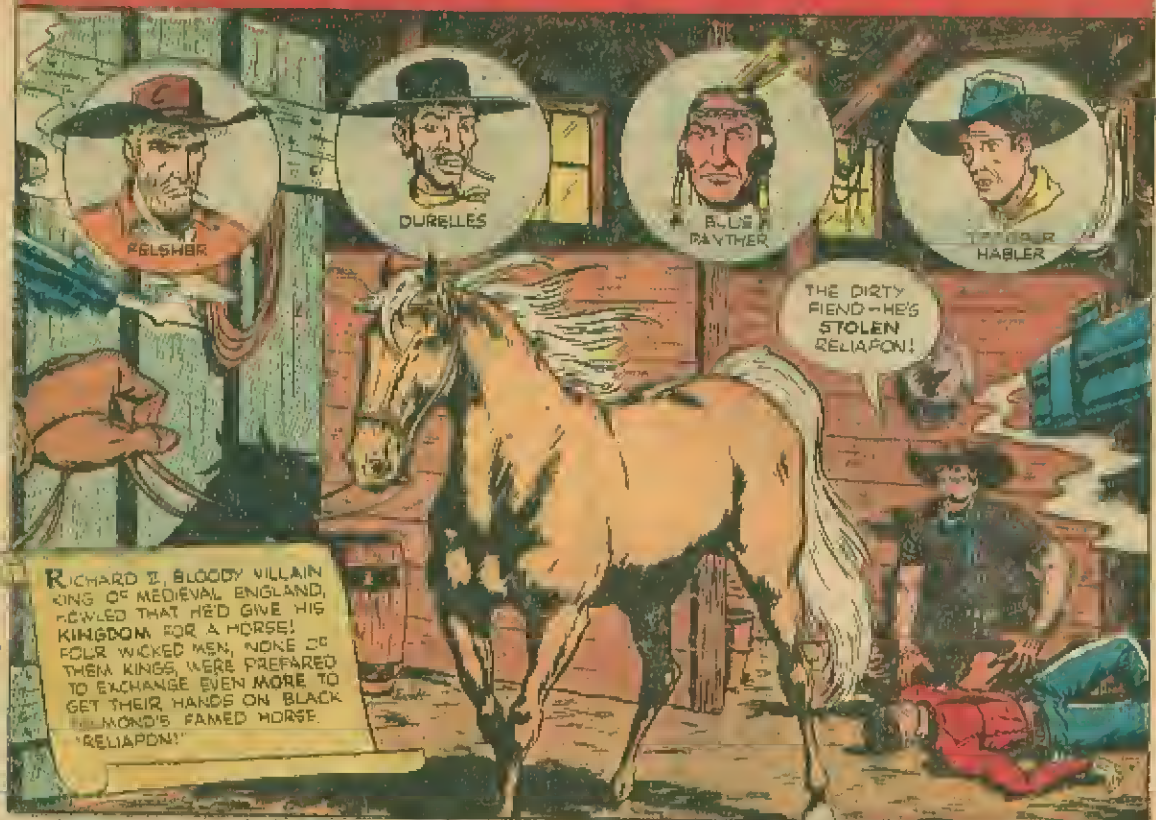


AFTER
Panting stomach pushed back in. Front level. Waist line rounded out. Clothes look and feel swell.

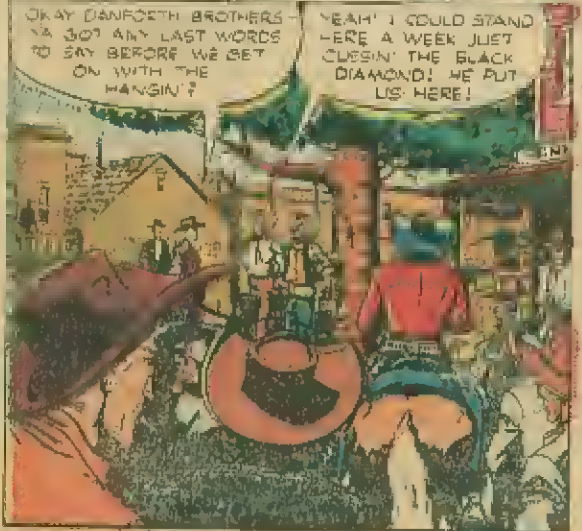
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BLACK DIAMOND

in "The Case of THE HAUNTED HORSE"



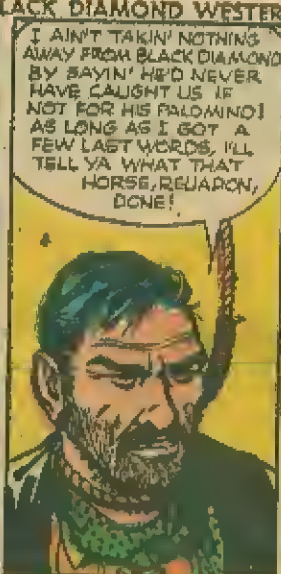
ONE MORNING IN THE FRONTIER TOWN OF SILVER GULCH, TWO VICIOUS CRIMINALS, JOE AND LUKE DANFORTH WHOM BLACK DIAMOND BROUGHT IN, ARE ABOUT TO BE HANGED...



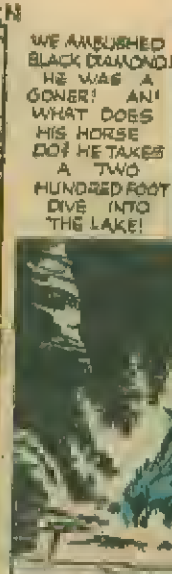


IT WAS THAT DANGED HORSE OF HIS! NO HORSE IN THE WORLD CAN DO WHAT THAT NAG DONE! THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY-- WITH A ROPE AROUND OUR NECKS!

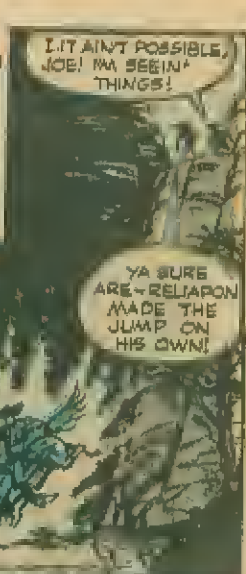
THEY'RE COMPLIMENTING YOU, RELAPON-- AND THEY'RE RIGHT!



I AIN'T TAKIN' NOTHING AWAY FROM BLACK DIAMOND BY SAYIN' HE'D NEVER HAVE CAUGHT US IF NOT FOR HIS PALOMINO! AS LONG AS I GOT A FEW LAST WORDS, I'LL TELL YA WHAT THAT HORSE, RELAPON, DONE!

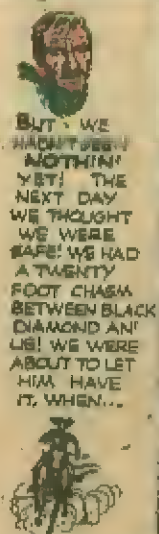


WE AMBUSHED BLACK DIAMOND! HE WAS A GONER! AN' WHAT DOES HIS HORSE DO? HE TAKES A TWO HUNDRED FOOT DIVE INTO THE LAKE!



I IT AINT POSSIBLE, JOE! I'M SEEIN' THINGS!

YA SURE ARE-- RELAPON MADE THE JUMP ON HIS OWN!



BUT WE HADN'T SEEN NOTHING YET! THE NEXT DAY WE THOUGHT WE WERE SAFE! WE HAD A TWENTY FOOT CHASM BETWEEN BLACK DIAMOND AN' US! WE WERE ABOUT TO LET HIM HAVE IT, WHEN...



J. JOE! THAT NAG-- HE'S JUMPIN' TH' CHASM!

YIPE! VAMOOSE!



HE'S COVERED THE CRITTER AN' HIMSELF WITH A BLANKET AN' HE'S COMIN' THROUGH!

FIRE AN' WATER AN' EVEN BULLETS DON'T SEEM TO STOP THAT NAG! EVERY TIME I THINK I'VE GOT A BEAD ON HIM-- I MISS!



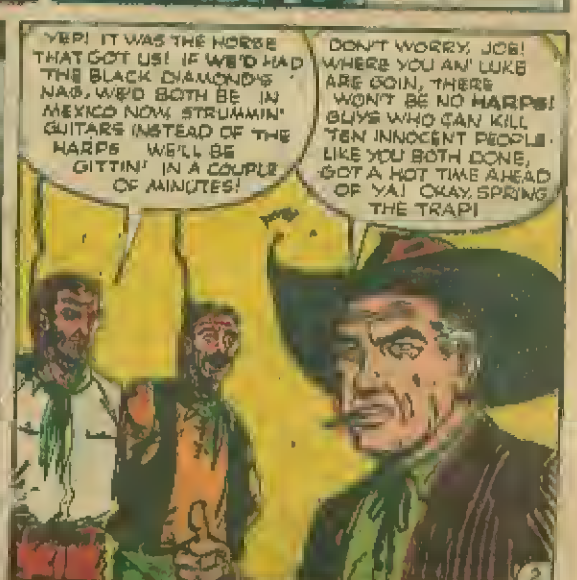
NOTHING STOPPED THEM TWO!

RELAPON SWAM A CURRENT THAT WOULD SWAY A REDWOOD!

HE KEPT GOING THROUGH THE NIGHT WITH NO REST...

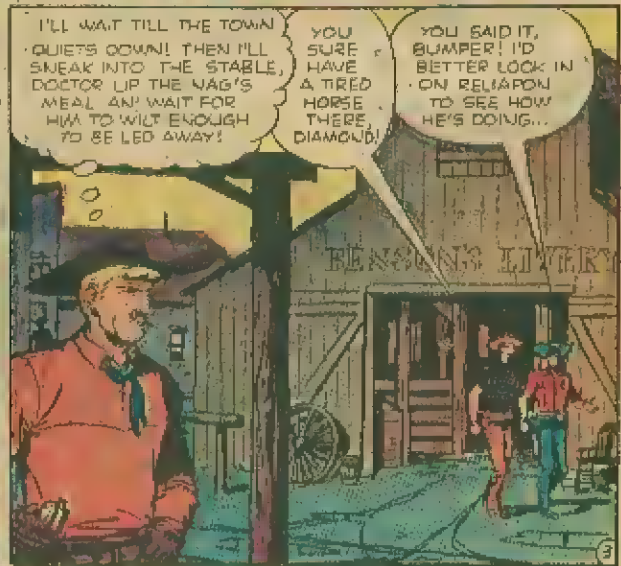
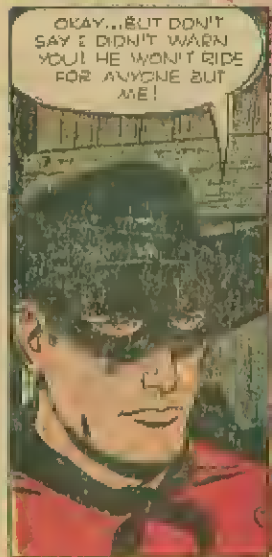
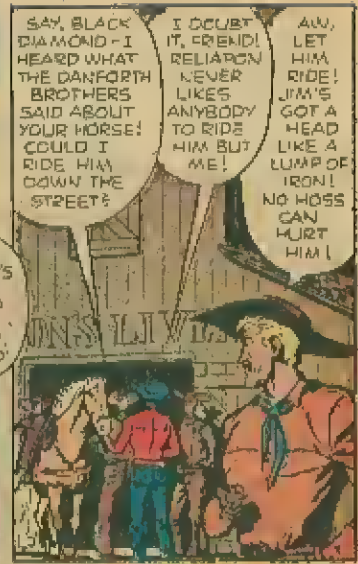
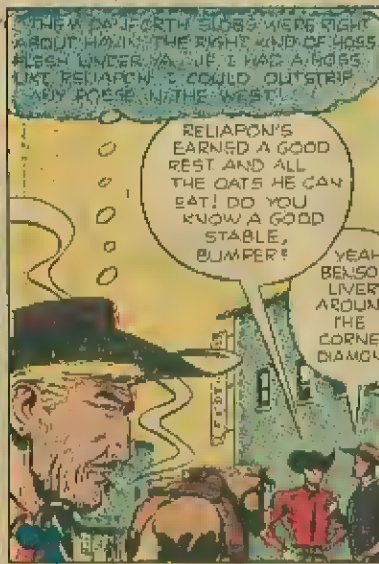
AN' NO DRINK!

A MULE COULDN'T MAKE THE ROCKY PASSES THAT NAG DID!



YEP! IT WAS THE HORSE THAT GOT US! IF WE'D HAD THE BLACK DIAMOND'S NAG, WE'D BOTH BE IN MEXICO NOW, STRUMMIN' GUITARS INSTEAD OF THE HARPS. WE'LL BE GITTIN' IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES!

DON'T WORRY, JOE! WHERE YOU AN' LUKE ARE GOIN, THERE WON'T BE NO HARPS! GUYS WHO CAN KILL TEN INNOCENT PEOPLE, LIKE YOU BOTH DONE, GOT A HOT TIME AHEAD OF YA! OKAY, SPRING THE TRAP!

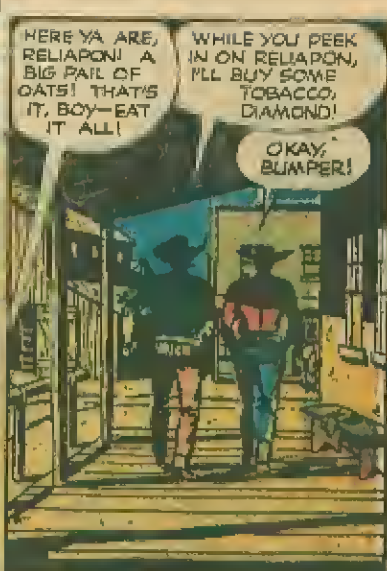




EASY DOES IT! I DON'T WANT THIS OLD GOAT GIVIN' THE ALARM!



I CAN'T DOSE HIM TOO MUCH OR I'LL HAVE TO CARRY THE BRONCO OUT OF HERE!



WHILE YOU PEEK IN ON RELIAPON, I'LL BUY SOME TOBACCO, DIAMOND!

OKAY, BUMPER!



THE BLACK DIAMOND! IF HE SEES ME THE JIG IS UP!



WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF, PARTNER! YOU'LL BE SICKER!

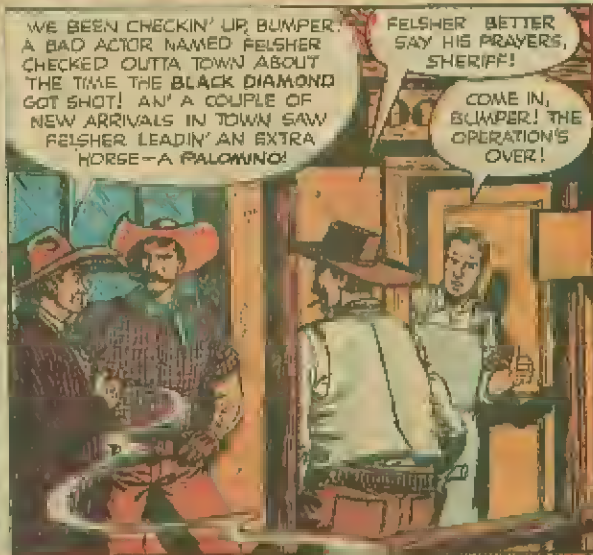
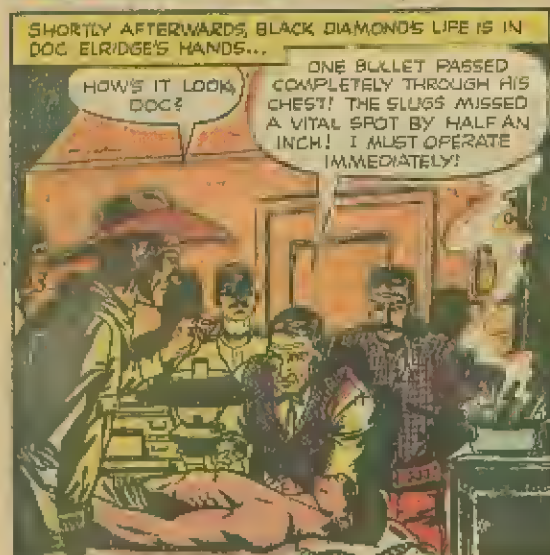


OHMM!

BANG!
BANG!



SO LONG, MARSHAL! WHEN I'M OUTSTRIPPIN' EVERY POSSE IN THE WEST I'LL BE THANKIN' YOU FOR TRAININ' SUCH A SWEET PIECE OF HORSE FLESH! C'MON, RELIAPON, YOU AN' ME ARE GOIN' PLACES!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

THAT'S WHY I'M TRAILING HIM NOW, DIAMOND! A MAN-KILLER LIKE FELSER WOULDN'T HESITATE TO SHOOT AN ANIMAL IF HE GOT SORE ENOUGH!

GO TO IT, BUMPER—IF FELSER HARMS A HAIR OF RELIAPON'S HEAD, I'LL KILL HIM MYSELF!

THE NEXT DAY FELSER IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH RELIAPON.

WHAT A NIGHT! I LET MYSELF IN FOR MORE THAN I BARGAINED FOR! THAT PALOMINO MUST SENSE I'M UP TO NO GOOD! NOW THAT THE DRUG'S WEARING OFF, HE'S GITTIN' ORNERY AN' WON'T DRINK FROM MY HAT!

CUSS HIM! NOW ALL THE DRUG'S SPILLED OUT WITH THE WATER! (GASP) HE'S GOIN' FOR ME... HE'S GONE LOCO! STAY AWAY, YA CRAZY CRITTER...

WOW! WOW!

HOW'LL I EVER RIDE HIM IF HE ACTS LIKE THIS WHEN I'M ONLY GIVING HIM WATER? HE AIN'T NORMAL! HE HATES ME! HE'LL KILL ME IF HE CAN...

IT WAS A BIG MISTAKE STEALIN' HIM... NOBODY BUT THE BLACK DIAMOND CAN RIDE THIS HORSE! BUT I'M GETTIN' OUTTA THIS MESS! YA AIN'T SO SMART, RELIAPON! THAT LITTLE RUMPUS WILL COST YOU YOUR LIFE!

FELSER! NO! DO NOT SHOOT THE BEAST! A MAGNIFICENT HORSE LIKE THAT WOULD BRING MUCH MONEY IN TRADE!

DURELLES... THE INJUN TRADER! LISTEN, DURELLES—YOU DON'T WANT THIS NAG! HE'S LOCO—HE'S THE KINDA HORSE YA CAN'T EVEN LEAD TO WATER—LET ALONE MAKE HIM DRINK!

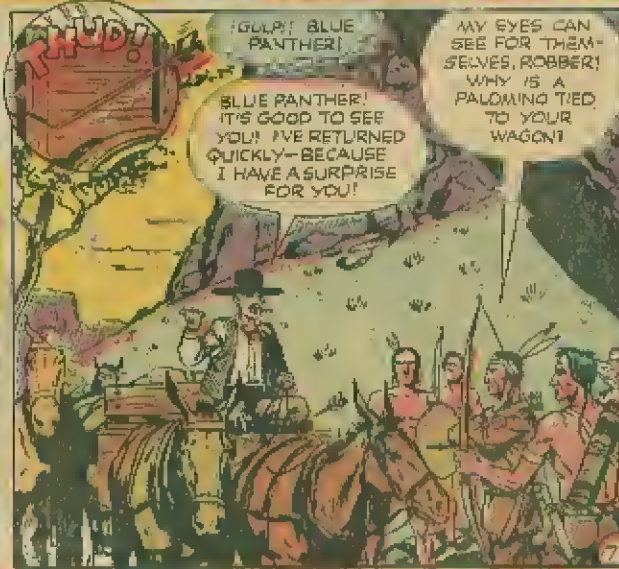
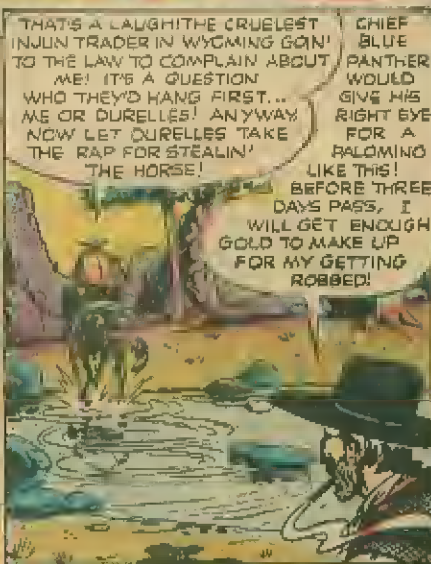
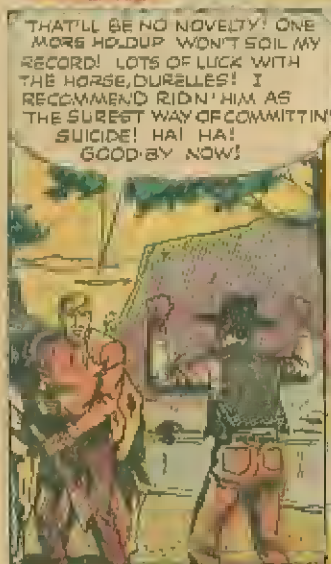
WHO TALKS OF DRINK? TRY SUGAR! NO HORSE CAN RESIST SUGAR! WHAT'S HIS NAME? RELIAPON! HERE, RELIAPON... DURELLES OFFERS YOU DELICIOUS SUGAR—AS MUCH AS YOU CAN EAT!

YOU SEE? YOU DECEIVE ANIMALS AS YOU DECEIVE HUMANS... WITH WHAT THEY ARE GREEDY FOR! FOR A HORSE—SUGAR! FOR A MAN—MONEY! HOW MUCH MONEY, YOU WANT FOR HIM, FELSER?

IT'S WORTH PLENTY TO ME! JUST TO MOSEY ON WITHOUT THAT CRITTER CHASING ME UP A TREE!

AN' ANOTHER THING! IF THERE'S A SEARCH PARTY OUT FOR THE NAG, THEY'LL GET AFTER DURELLES!

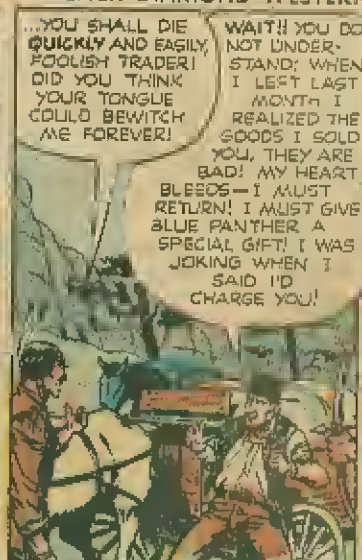
I'LL TAKE THIRTY DOLLARS, DURELLES!





HE'S DANGEROUS TO RIDE, CHIEF! AT FIRST YOU MUST BREAK HIM IN! I TELL YOU THIS BECAUSE YOU ARE MY FRIEND! ONLY CHARGE YOU VERY LITTLE FOR HIM!

SO? SUCH GENEROSITY MUST BE REPAID! INSTEAD OF SMEARING YOUR FACE WITH HONEY AND BURYING YOU IN THE GROUND...



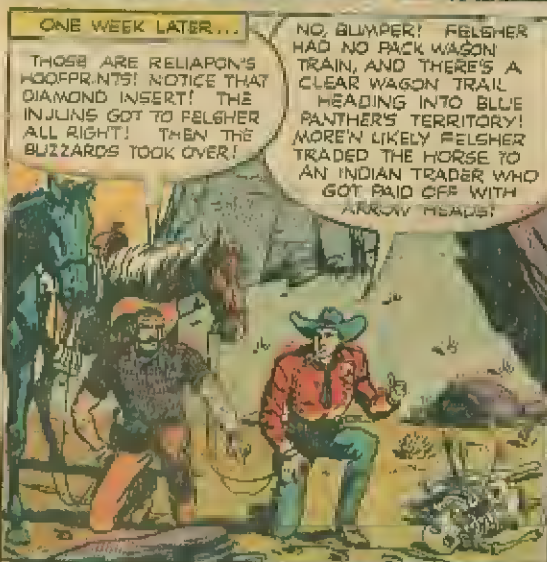
...YOU SHALL DIE QUICKLY AND EASILY, FOOLISH TRADER! DID YOU THINK YOUR TONGUE COULD BEWITCH ME FOREVER!

WAIT!! YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND! WHEN I LEFT LAST MONTH I REALIZED THE GOODS I SOLD YOU, THEY ARE BAD! MY HEART BLED— I MUST RETURN! I MUST GIVE BLUE PANTHER A SPECIAL GIFT! I WAS JOKING WHEN I SAID I'D CHARGE YOU!



SURE, YOU JOKE! THAT IS WHY I SMILE! KILL HIM!

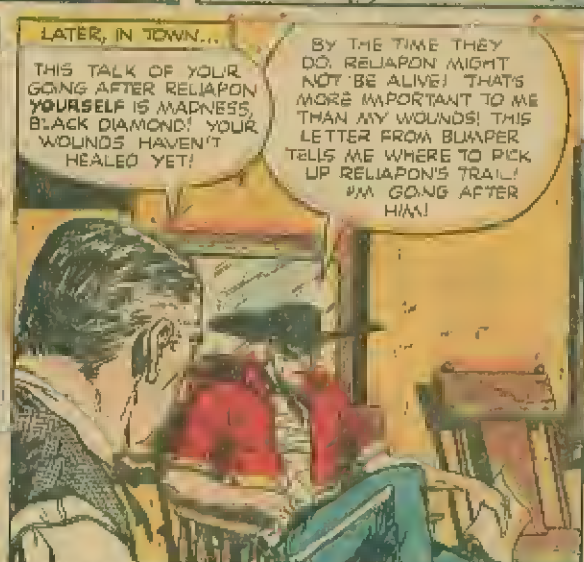
NO, BLUE PANTHER, NO!



ONE WEEK LATER...

THESE ARE RELIAPON'S HOOFRINTS! NOTICE THAT DIAMOND INSERT! THE INJUNS GOT TO FELGHER ALL RIGHT! THEN THE BUZZARDS TOOK OVER!

NO, BLUMPER! FELGHER HAD NO PACK WAGON TRAIN, AND THERE'S A CLEAR WAGON TRAIL HEADING INTO BLUE PANTHER'S TERRITORY! MORE'N LIKELY FELGHER TRADED THE HORSE TO AN INDIAN TRADER WHO GOT PAID OFF WITH ARROW HEADS!



LATER, IN TOWN...

THIS TALK OF YOUR GOING AFTER RELIAPON YOURSELF IS MADNESS, BLACK DIAMOND! YOUR WOUNDS HAVEN'T HEALED YET!

BY THE TIME THEY DO, RELIAPON MIGHT NOT BE ALIVE! THAT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN MY WOUNDS! THIS LETTER FROM BLUMPER TELLS ME WHERE TO PICK UP RELIAPON'S TRAIL! I'M GOING AFTER HIM!



LOOK AT DIAMOND RIDE—BANDAGED UP STIFFER THAN A MUMMY! THAT TAKES GUTS, DOC!

A COWBOY'S LOVE FOR HIS HORSE IS THE STRONGEST EMOTION IN HIS LIFE!

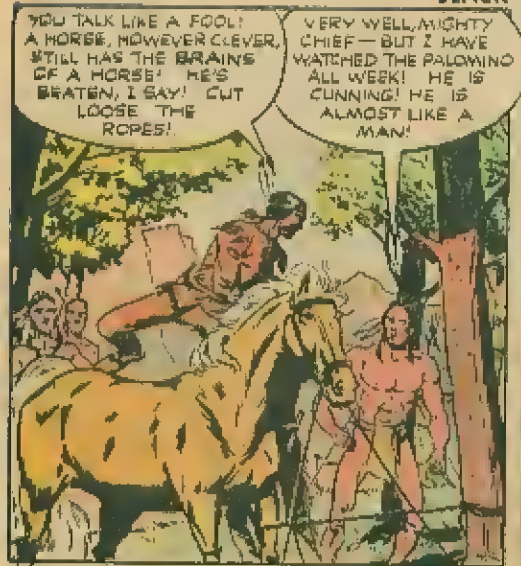


MEANWHILE, A SCOUT OF BLUE PANTHERS RIDES INTO CAMP...

BLUE PANTHER...WE HAVE CUT OFF A SCOUTING UNIT FROM FORT ATKINS! WE CAN EXTERMINATE THEM AT WILL! TAKE YOUR PONY AND RIDE TO THE ATTACK!

I WILL RIDE THE PALOMINO, NO OTHER! FOR A WEEK WE HAVE BEATEN HIM! NOW HE WILL OBEY! LOOK INTO HIS EYES! THE FIGHT HAS GONE OUT OF HIM!

IT MAY BE A TRICK! THE BEAST IS CLEVER! PERHAPS HE UNDERSTANDS THIS TREATMENT!



YOU TALK LIKE A FOOL! A HORSE, HOWEVER CLEVER, STILL HAS THE BRAINS OF A HORSE! HE'S BEATEN, I SAY! CUT LOOSE THE ROPES!

VERY WELL, MIGHTY CHIEF - BUT I HAVE WATCHED THE PALMINO ALL WEEK! HE IS CUNNING! HE IS ALMOST LIKE A MAN!

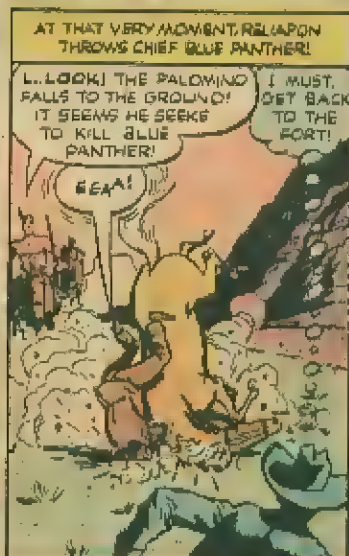


YOU SEE WHAT NONSENSE THOSE FOOLS SPOKE? THE HORSE RUNS LIKE THE WIND! HE WILL TAKE ME TO VICTORY A THOUSAND TIMES! CHARGE! WIPE OUT THE PALEFACES BELOW!



HE'S GONE! THE LIEUTENANT WARNED YOU HAGLER WAS A COWARD! HE'S RUN OUT ON US WHEN WE NEEDED HIM MOST!

I DON'T WANT TO DIE! THIS IS MY ONLY CHANCE!

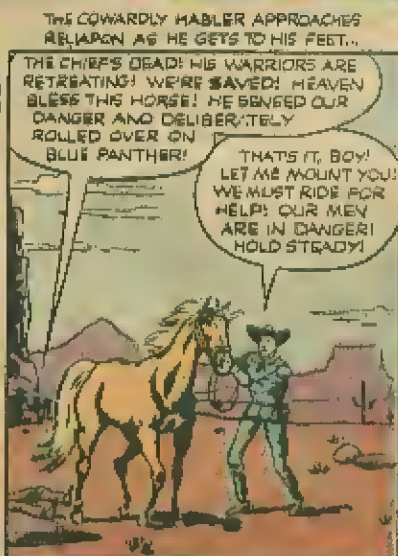


AT THAT VERY MOMENT, RELAPON THROWS CHIEF BLUE PANTHER!

L...LOOK! THE PALMINO FALLS TO THE GROUND! IT SEEMS HE SEEKS TO KILL BLUE PANTHER!

I MUST GET BACK TO THE FORT!

GEA!



THE COWARDLY HAGLER APPROACHES RELAPON AS HE GETS TO HIS FEET...

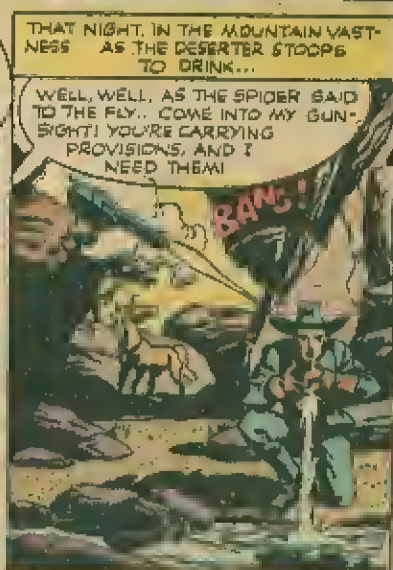
THE CHIEF'S DEAD! HIS WARRIORS ARE RETREATING! WE'RE SAVED! HEAVEN BLESS THIS HORSE! HE SAVED OUR DANGER AND DELIBERATELY ROLLED OVER ON BLUE PANTHER!

THAT'S IT, BOY! LET ME MOUNT YOU! WE MUST RIDE FOR HELP! OUR MEN ARE IN DANGER! HOLD STEADY!



THE POOR BEAST DOESN'T KNOW HE'S CARRYING A MISERABLE COWARD WHO DESERTED HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS AT A CRITICAL HOUR!

DON'T WORRY, COWARDS LIKE HAGLER NEVER COME TO A GOOD END!



THAT NIGHT, IN THE MOUNTAIN VASTNESS AS THE DESERTER STOOPS TO DRINK...

WELL, WELL, AS THE SPIES SAID TO THE FLY... COME INTO MY GUN-SIGHT! YOU'RE CARRYING PROVISIONS, AND I NEED THEM!

BANG!



ESPECIALLY WITH ROBES SWARMING ALL OVER THE PLACE! WELL, WHAT DO YA KNOW - IT'S A TROOPER - THAT'S GOOD - THEY ALWAYS CARRY EXTRA SUPPLIES!

THAT WHINNEY! I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE! I COULD NEVER FORGET THAT SOUND!

WHINNEY!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

I KNEW IT! IT'S BLACK DIAMOND'S HORSE, RELIAPON—THAT CRITTER—HE'S AFTER ME AGAIN! STAY BACK!

I'M TRAPPED! I CAN'T GET PAST THAT HORSE AND HE WON'T SHOW HIMSELF! THIS IS GONNA BE AN ENDURANCE CONTEST!

BANG!

TWO DAYS LATER, AT FORT ATKINS, BLACK DIAMOND IS WORRIED ABOUT RELIAPON...

THAT'S LAST WE SAW OF HABLER AND YOUR HORSE, BLACK DIAMOND! THEY WERE HEADED FOR SILVER CANYON—AN OLD OUTLAW HIDEOUT!

THEN SILVER CANYON IS OUR NEXT STOP! IF A MAN NAMED 'BUMPER' HAPPENS ALONG TELL HIM TO WAIT HERE FOR ME! I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN!

QUARTERS

NEXT AFTERNOON, FELSHER IS STILL ENTRENCHED IN SILVER CANYON TRYING TO GET A SHOT AT RELIAPON! AT THAT MOMENT, BLACK DIAMOND APPROACHES AND HEARS RELIAPON NEIGHING...

NO FOOD, NO SLEEP, NO DRINK—J.J. JUST WAITIN' FOR THAT CURSED HORSE TO MAKE A FALSE MOVE AND COME UP THE TRAIL!

WHINNEE!

IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! HE AIN'T DEAD—BUT HE WON'T BE ALIVE FOR LONG!

THAT'S RELIAPON, ALL RIGHT!

COME OUT, RELIAPON! IT'S ME!

AS FELSHER TURNED TO FIRE AT BLACK DIAMOND, RELIAPON SENSED HIS CHANCE AND...

WHINNEEY!

AAAAA!!!

GOOD BOY, RELIAPON! YOU NOT ONLY SENT THAT ROTTEN FELSHER TO HIS DOOM, BUT YOU SAVED MY LIFE IN THE BARGAIN! YOU'RE THE BEST FRIEND I'VE EVER HAD!

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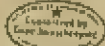
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ALL ALONG THE WAY WERE ABANDONED WAGONS, CLOTHES, GUNS AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER ARTICLES! BY ACTUAL COUNT, OVER A 15 MILE AREA, THERE WERE 1000 WAGONS, 350 DEAD HORSES, 280 DEAD OXEN, AND 120 DEAD MULES!



ONE OF THE OLD WEST'S
MOST FEARED DESPERADOS
— WAS A WOMAN —

BELLE STARR, ORGANIZER AND BOSS OF ONE OF THE TOUGHEST GANGS OF HORSE THIEVES AND CATTLE RUSTLERS THE WEST HAS EVER KNOWN! SHE DID IT TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND — WHO WAS SHOT BY A SHERIFF WHEN HE RESISTED ARREST!

BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF MANUFACTURED BULLETS IN THE MID-NINETEENTH CENTURY SETTLERS MADE THEIR OWN PELLETS OUT OF PURE SILVER OR GOLD!



JUDGE
PARKER

WAS THE FIRST MAN TO MAKE THE WILD WEST REALIZE THAT LAW AND ORDER MUST BE RESPECTED!

IN HIS FIRST MONTH ON THE BENCH HE SENTENCED 9 MEN TO BE HANGED!



"PEGLEG" SMITH FOUND GOLD NUGGETS ON THE CALIFORNIA DESERT RIGHT ON TOP OF THE GROUND! HE TOOK A COUPLE OF PIECES TO 'FRISCO FOR ESSAY AND FOUND IT CONTAINED PURE GOLD! PEGLEG SPENT THE REST OF HIS LIFE LOOKING FOR THE PLACE WHERE HE FOUND THE NUGGETS — (HE NEVER FOUND THE PLACE AGAIN!)

BILL WESCOT'S WEAPON AGAINST OUTLAWS WAS HIS LASSO! HE COULD SNAG 4 MEN FROM THEIR HORSES, RIDING SIDE BY SIDE, WITH A SINGLE TOSS OF THE ROPE!

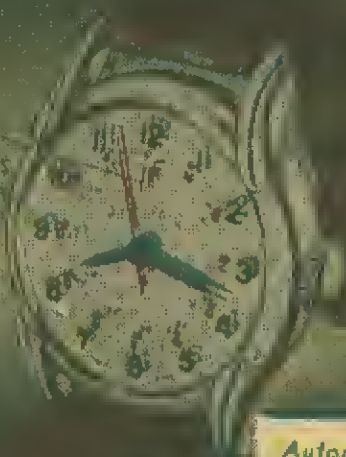


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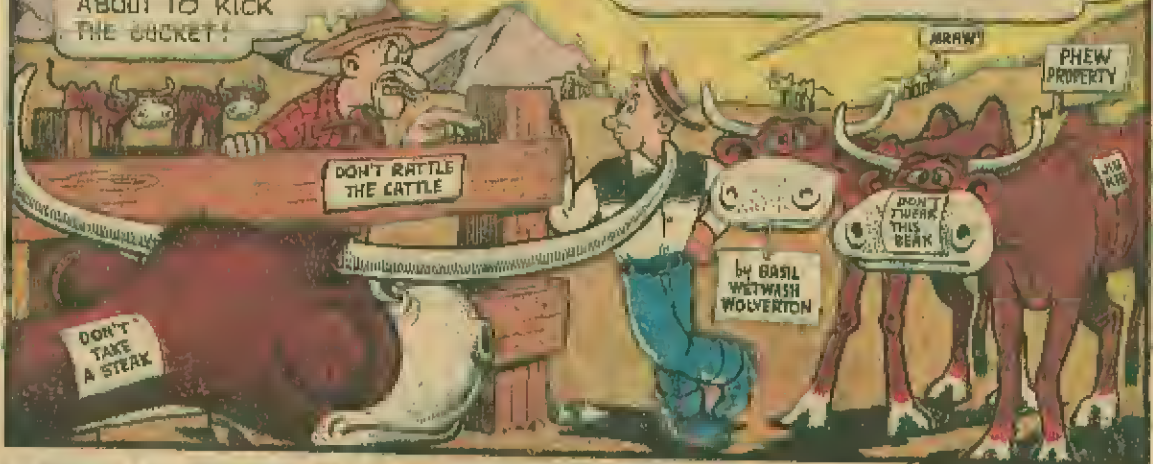
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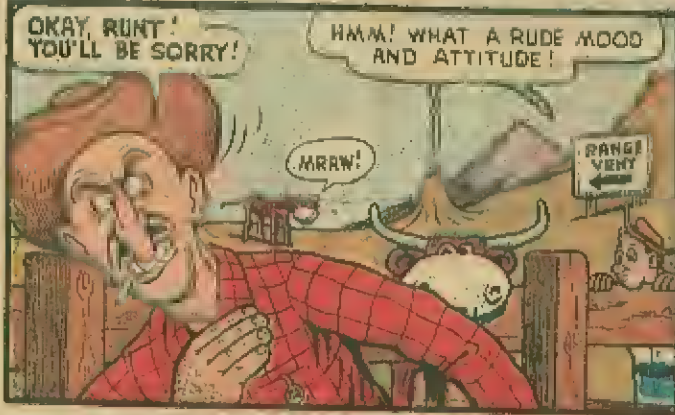
LOOK, NEIGHBOR---I'LL GIVE YOU A BUCK A HEAD FOR YOUR CATTLE! THAT'S A BREAK FOR YOU, CONSIDERING THAT THEY'RE SO SKINNY THEY'RE ABOUT TO KICK THE BUCKET!

NO DICE, MOLICE! THEY'RE UNDERFED BECAUSE THERE'S NO GRASS IN THE VALLEY, BUT I'VE GOT ENOUGH HAY IN MY BARN-- I HOPE-- TO KEEP THEM TILL IT DOES RAIN AND A NEW GRASS CROP COMES ON!



OKAY, RUNT! YOU'LL BE SORRY!

HMM! WHAT A RUDE MOOD AND ATTITUDE!



IN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES HE'S NOT GOING TO HAVE ANY HAY!

COW CHOW



HEY! MY BARN'S ON FIRE!

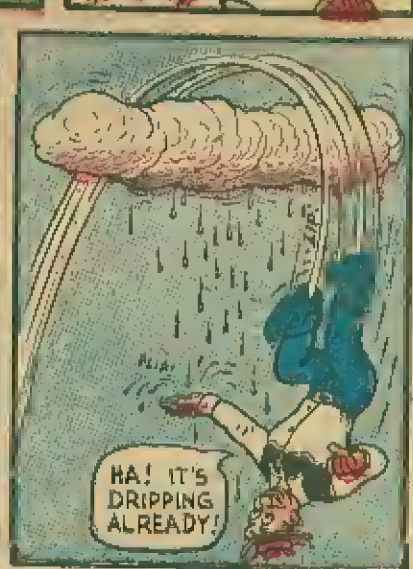
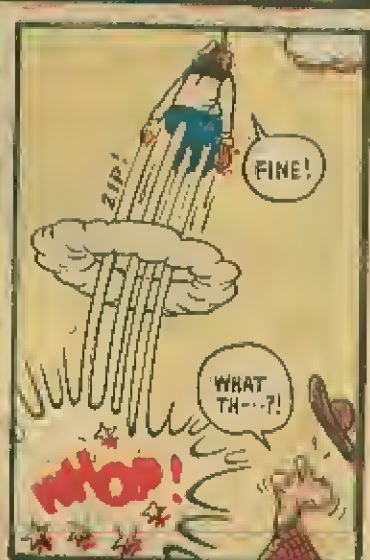
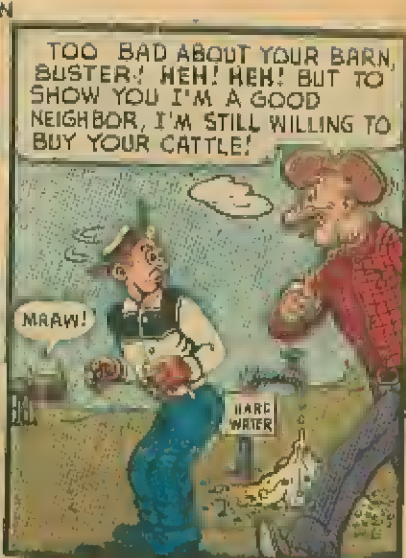


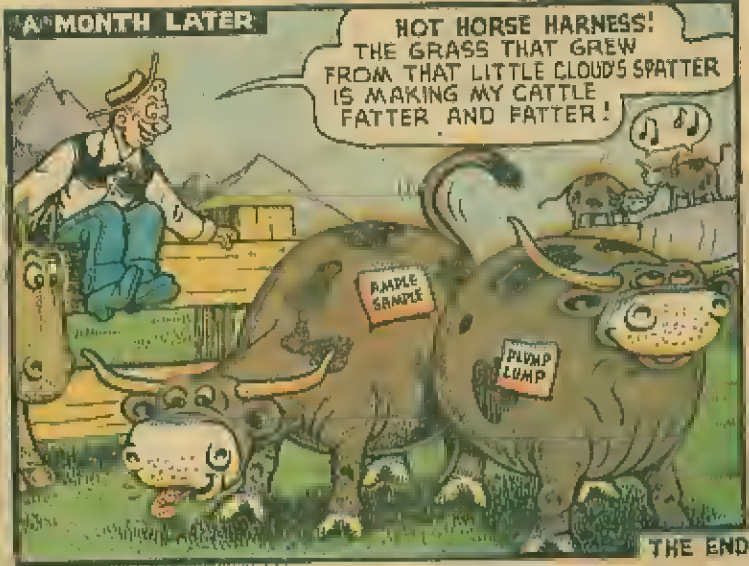
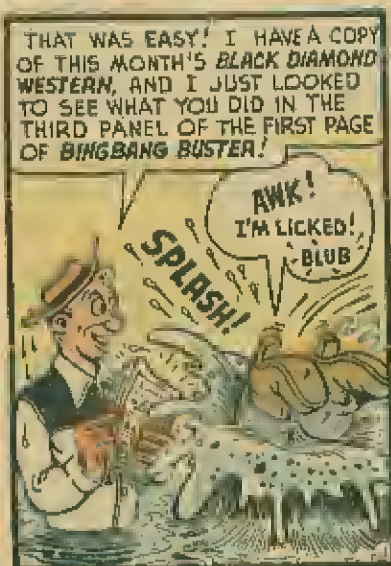
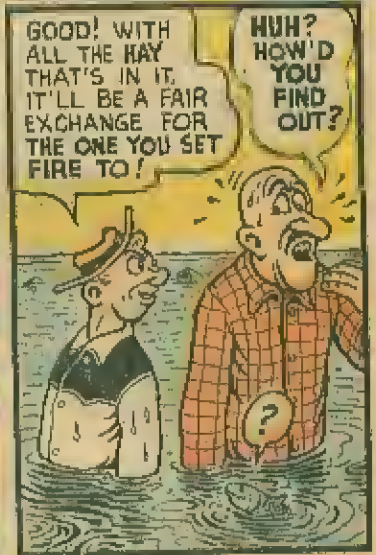
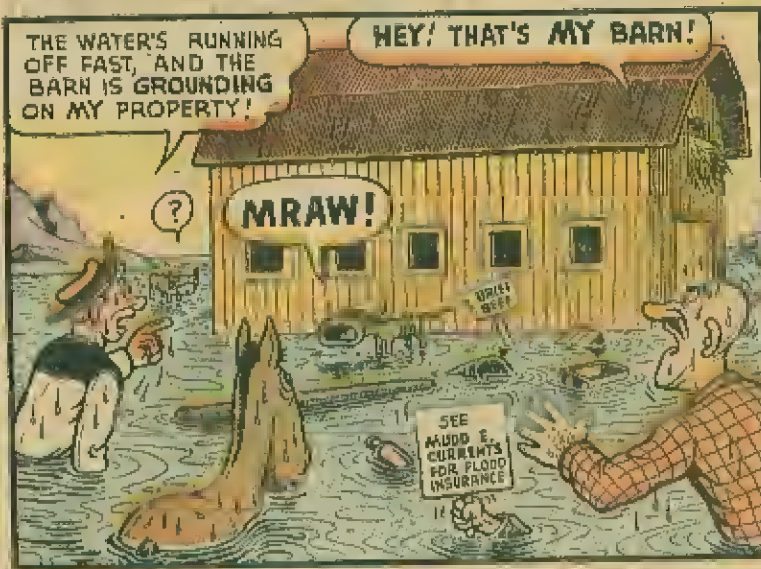
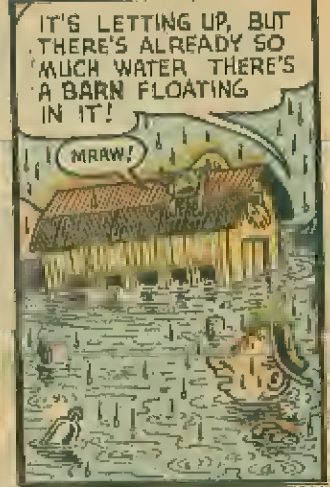
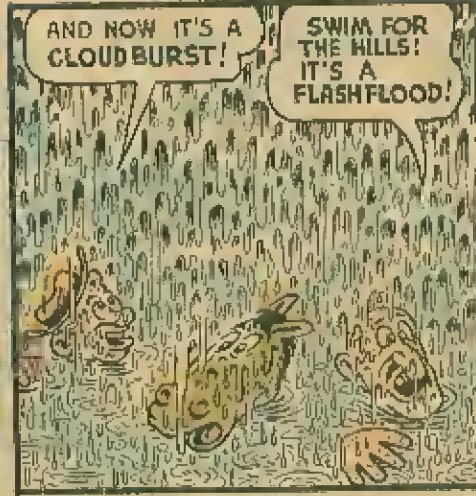
TSK! TSK! I SHOULD HAVE SOLD MY CATTLE! NOW THEY WON'T EVEN HAVE HAY TO EAT!



HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH! NOW I'LL GO OFFER HIM HALF A BUCK A HEAD FOR HIS STOCK!







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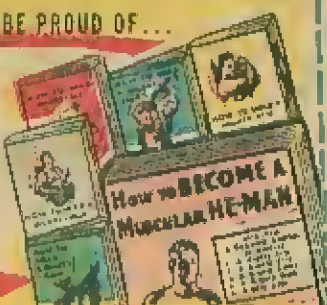


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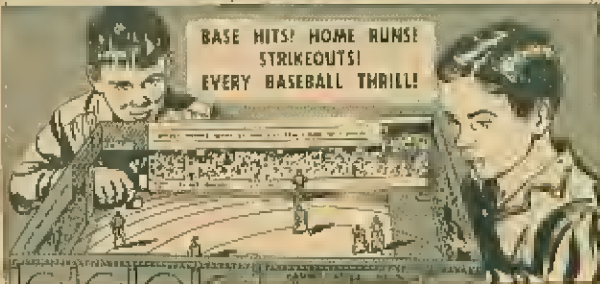
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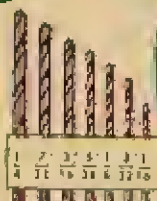
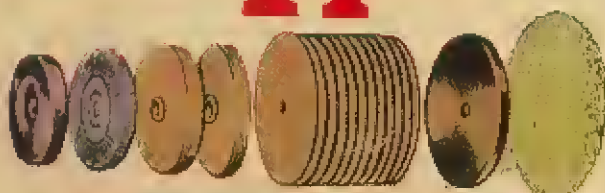
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